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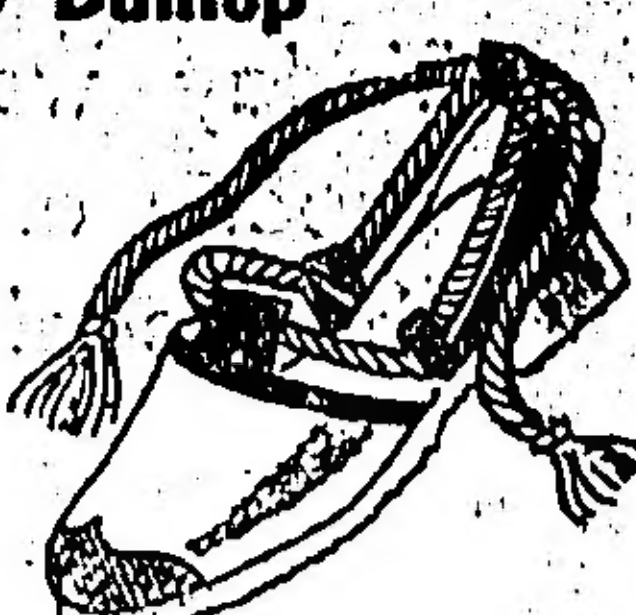
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PREPARING BRITAIN FOR CRISIS

CHAMBERLAIN CALLS FOR NATION'S UNITY IN FACE OF DANGER

German Action in Austria Calls For Severest Condemnation

GOVERNMENT PREPARING TO REVISE REARMAMENT PLANS

The methods adopted by Germany and Austrian Nazis in forcing the Vienna Government out of office and seizing power in Austria called for the severest condemnation, declared Mr. Neville Chamberlain, British Prime Minister, at a momentous session of the House of Commons to-day.

After discussing the developments which led up to the *coup d'etat* in Vienna and the crossing of the frontier by the German Army, Mr. Chamberlain declared that events in Austria "cannot be regarded by the Government with indifference and equanimity. They are bound to have an effect that cannot be measured...."

"We must consider the new situation clearly, but with cool judgment and in the confidence that we shall be supported in asking that none, whatever his particular preconceived notions be, shall regard himself as excluded from any extension of national efforts that may be called for."

Mr. Chamberlain called for the fullest support of the nation in whatever the Government undertook and conveyed a warning that the re-armament progress would have to be revised in the light of European developments.

London, Mar. 14.

The House of Commons to-day was crowded to hear Mr. Neville Chamberlain's statement on the Austrian situation, many members occupying seats at the side of the galleries, while foreign ambassadors were among those present in the Strangers' Gallery.

Mr. Chamberlain said the results of the meeting at Berchtesgaden between the Austrian and German Chancellors were stated by the latter to be an extension of the framework of the 1936 agreement which provided, *inter alia*, for recognition of the independence of Austria by Germany and recognition by Austria of the fact that she was a German State. Whatever, therefore, the results of the Berchtesgaden meeting, it was clear that any agreement reached was still on the basis of the independence of Austria.

Detailing the recent events, Mr. Chamberlain said that matters came to a head on March 11, when Dr. von Seyss-Inquart and his colleagues presented an ultimatum to Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg demanding abandonment of the plebiscite, and threatened that if this was refused, the Nazis would abstain from voting and that they could not be restrained from causing serious disturbances during the poll. They required an answer before March 13.

Germany Behind Ultimatum

The Austrian Chancellor declined the ultimatum, but offered a compromise whereby a second plebiscite should be held later. Feeling himself under the threat of civil war and possible military invasion, Dr. von Schuschnigg agreed to cancel the plebiscite on the condition that the sovereignty of the country was not to be affected by the Nazis. There seemed little doubt that the offer was accepted by the German Government, and that the offer was, in fact, a demand for the annexation of Austria.

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Bonds Crash With Tension Still Acute

London, Mar. 14.

Austrian, Czechoslovakian and Polish bonds crashed on the world's markets to-day.

Even British funds were affected. British War Loans dropped nearly a point.

Even France's assurance that she would honour all her commitments to Czechoslovakia did not prevent the bonds of that nation from tumbling.

New York reports that trading has been very quiet on the 15th of March, and that there is a wide divergence between the buying and selling price.

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Chamberlain At Palace After Cabinet Meets

London, Mar. 14.

The Cabinet meeting this morning lasted three-quarters of an hour, during which the Austrian situation was discussed. The French Ambassador and the German Charge d'Affaires called at the Foreign Office separately.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, was received in audience by His Majesty at Buckingham Palace, and remained to lunch.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

CZECHO-SLOVAKIA WILL FIGHT

Washington, Mar. 14.

M. Hurban, Czechoslovakian Minister to the United States, informed Mr. Sumner Welles of the State Department that Czechoslovakia would fight in the event of Germany attempting to invade her soil. He said that Czechoslovakia fully realised the danger since Germany's proclamation of the *anschluss*, but they were weighing the situation calmly.

He said that he had been informed that Germany had notified Czechoslovakia that German troops would remain 15 miles from the Czechoslovakian border, and this was indicated to mean that such a measure constituted a safety zone and a good influence.—*United Press*.

Pledges France To Czecho-Slovakia

WARNS BRITAIN TO PREPARE FOR EMERGENCY



MR. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN

British Prime Minister, has warned Britain that she must reconsider her arms investment and has asked for full national unity on any course the Government decides must be followed.

FRENZIED WELCOME TO HITLER

Challenging Speech By Fuehrer

Vienna, Mar. 14.

Herr Adolf Hitler, German Chancellor, arrived in Vienna at 5.15 p.m. in a military automobile, and 500,000 people gave him a tremendous acclaim like the beating of surf. To the sound of the greatest ovation in his career, Herr Hitler drove to the Imperial Hotel, and then announced that he would not speak.

However, the crowd refused to disperse and finally the Fuehrer made a broadcast speech in which he said: "Whatever happens, this German Reich will never again fall asunder. Nobody can force it from its road. No threat of misery and no violence can ever cause this oath to be broken. We are now 74,000,000 with one Reich, and nobody can turn us from our way."

"It is a big historical turn which has come to our German nation." Earlier in the day, on the balcony of the Imperial Hotel he reviewed Austro-German troops, while the (Continued on Page 4.)

STOP PRESS

RECOMMEND DIVIDENDS

Subject to audit Directors will recommend the payment of a Final Dividend of 10s. per share in respect of the year 1937 for the Union Insurance Society of Canton.

The Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Society will be held on April 13.

Subject to audit the directors of the British Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., will recommend the payment of a Dividend of 7s. per share for the year ended December 31.

The Directors of the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., will recommend the payment of a Dividend of \$12 per share and a bonus dividend of \$6 per share for the year ended December 31.

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BLUM GIVES SURETY FOR PROTECTION

Will Act Without Any Help From Britain If Friends Threatened

Paris, Mar. 14.

A French pledge to protect Czecho-Slovakian independence was given to-day to the Czecho-Slovak Minister by M. Leon Blum, French Prime Minister and M. Paul Boncour, Minister for Foreign Affairs. M. Charles Corbin, French Ambassador to London was also instructed to inform the British Government of this pledge.

It is understood in French political circles that the pledge means France intends to take immediate action in the event of any German threat to Czecho-Slovakia, without waiting to consult Britain.

It is thought that this might mean France would order mobilisation if the situation became sufficiently serious.

M. Paul Boncour to-day summoned the French Ministers at Vienna, Belgrade and Brussels to meet in Paris to discuss the situation.—*Reuter*.

JAPANESE CAMPAIGN COMPLETE FAILURE

Cannot Afford To Send More Men Into China

Chiang's Aide States Case

Hankow, Mar. 15.

A significant statement was made to the foreign press yesterday by the Chinese Army intelligence chief, and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's aide-de-camp, General Hsu Pei-ken. He said: "Japan aims, not to destroy China, but to seize the natural resources in North China in order to strengthen herself for future dealings with other powers."

"In order to achieve this she must deliver a crushing blow to the Chinese army. The essence of a strategic success is the correct estimation of the enemy forces. Japan has consistently underestimated Chinese resistance, and because of this she has strategically lost every action in which she has so far been engaged, having failed, firstly, to consolidate Hopedai with forces on the spot, and secondly, to secure the defection of Shantung and Shanhai from the Central Government."

"Japan is able to send 50 divisions into China, but she has only sent half this number. Why? Because she cannot forget a greater enemy in the north; and secondly, because she is forced to patrol Manchuria with 12 divisions. Therefore, we are convinced that she has already reached the limit of the forces she can afford to use against us. We do not win battles, but Japan has never won a decisive action. Her strategic plans are not carried out, and the whole conception on which she has based her strategy has proved to be wrong."

Reports from Moscow say that 500,000 Russian troops are mobilised on the Polish border ready to march to the aid of Czecho-Slovakia, are mere guess-work.

Austrian Foreign Office Absorbed

Berlin, Mar. 14.

It is announced that the Austrian Foreign Office has been merged with the German Diplomatic Service. Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, Foreign Minister, who arrived from London yesterday, left by air for Vienna, where, it is announced, Herr Hitler is remaining for several days.

Baron von Papen, German Ambassador to Austria, also left for Vienna to-day.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

Washington Socialists Demonstrate

Demand Boycott Of Nazi Goods

Washington, Mar. 14.

Thirty-five members of the Young Peoples' Socialist League demonstrated before the German Embassy for half an hour before the police dispersed them to-day.

They carried a banner which read: "Red Vienna will rise again. Boycott Nazi goods."

Meanwhile Administration officials study of the latest German reports are too sketchy to justify official comment.

The Polish Ambassador conferred with President Roosevelt, while the Czecho-Slovakian Minister talked with Mr. Sumner Welles.—*United Press*.

OXFORD CREW ON FULL COURSE TRIAL

London, Mar. 14.

Oxford's boat race crew to-day rowed a full course trial from Putney to Mortlake, a distance of 4 1/2 miles in 29 minutes 31 seconds.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

WILL DEFEND CZECHO-SLOVAKIA



M. LEON BLUM

French Prime Minister, who has pledged France to defend Czecho-Slovakia if that power is attacked.

FOREIGN FLIERS ESCAPE

Japanese Surprise Raid On Hankow

Hankow, Mar. 15.

Several American members of the 14th Squadron of China's winged Foreign Legion, had a very narrow escape when the Japanese staged a surprise bombing of the Hankow airfield yesterday evening. One man, who was getting into a cockpit to make a quick getaway, was dressed in street clothes, and had his hat blown away by the air blast.

Captain Vincent Schmidt, who was driving at the moment the bombing started, ran his car into a ditch for safety.

During an hour following the bombing, Americans ranged through the town searching for missing friends whom they thought were killed, but all were finally located safe and sound.

Ninety minutes after a "false alarm" had been given, six Japanese (Continued on Page 4.)

Condemned Men's Appeals For Mercy Rejected

Moscow, Mar. 14.

The appeals of 14 condemned men, who had been sentenced to death for crimes committed during the war, were rejected to-day by the Soviet Supreme Court.

Today we give you news from London Shows: during the week there will be expert and up-to-the-minute news from the Paris Shows; to be followed by the usual competent fashion summary of styles that will have come to stay.

THE London dress designers have done it again. Put on a show for American buyers that really expresses London, and is not a garbled version of Paris or New York fashion!—a show that is conditioned by typical English life and custom.

Will London dress shows ever make international "news" in the sense that Paris haute couture makes news? It seems doubtful, because the English attitude to clothes is so unsensational.

An Englishwoman is still considered well dressed only if she does not attract too much attention and if her clothes are impeccably suited to the occasion. In other words, her clothes are influenced by those of the Englishman: who, as everybody knows, even film stars and the French, is the best dressed person in the world.

Functionalism

Thus, in English clothes you would expect to find functionalism and superb craftsmanship. At the London Fashion Group dress show you find both in clothes that are classic in the best sense by reason of their fitness for purpose and their beautiful tailoring. The classic suits by Lachasse, for example, are marked by exquisite detail rather than sensational style.

For instance, one perfectly simple tan suit of theirs had the new skirt, gored in narrow straight sections almost giving a look of wide stripes: this effect was repeated in the pale blue jacket by inserting narrow stripes of the ten colour. By the way, a pale version of London tan allied to pale blue seems a colour contrast to indulge in this spring.

Trends or Tailoring

Do not, therefore, let us speak too much of trends, but rather of tailored suits. From the point of view of the ordinary woman two fashion points emerge:

The classic tailored suit is no longer limited to a straight skirt with pleats and a jacket with big revers. An alternative has come to stay: the gored skirt and box jacket.

This is a good thing, because it is not every woman who looks her best in a classic tailored suit, for which broad shoulders and a straight back are essentials.

CONVERSATION PIECE 1938



The casual box jacket, newly become a tradition, is often more suitable for stout and skinny alike; and in this show it is given its full value. The skirt made in many sections is functional because it keeps its shape.

How easy to wear and charming is Digby Morton's blue and brown check box jacket over a sky blue suit (shown at left of sketch): how distinguished Busvine's dusky blue swaggar jacket over its matching dress.

Eton Girls

The other tailored line that is a good deal shown in we could lead the world. So Busvine's collection is the Eton jacket motif; short monkey jacket worn over men's suiting with bloomer plus fours in a skirt, and a ruffled white blouse. Amusing for the very young and slim.

Sports

That brings us to the sports clothes. English designers, who of the little dark draped dresses must be sober when designing from Paris? It is curious, but,

tweeds for the serious business of life, can go crazy when working out games kit. This is where we could lead the world. So Tintling makes a summer golf suit (sketched) of black linen with bloomer plus fours in a skirt, and a ruffled white blouse. Amusing for the very young and slim.

Afternoon Attempts

Where is the serene elegance of the little dark draped dresses from Paris? It is curious, but,

in spite of the hierarchy of bridge-playing downers, our afternoon clothes are not too hot.

May be this is because many Englishwomen who lead fashion step straight out of tweeds into tea gowns or trousers. The same goes for afternoon hats. Aage Thaarup, who usually makes some of the most wearable hats in London, hoped to beguile us press girls with enormous stiffened veils and vast felt clover leaves. But no. Many trimmings do not make a winner. On the other hand, the simple felts, flat or rolled up, shown with many of the suits were delicious.

Edwardian Evening

But the London designers should come into their own with evening dresses. Where but in this country is the wearing of evening dress so part and parcel of our existence? Perhaps it is because of our northern romanticism that every Cinderella can become a princess after dark. Anyway, from diplomats' wives to domestic workers most women own a "low-necked" evening frock. From the ones shown at the Fashion Group, it seems that ladies are to be in fashion again. Almost all the evening dresses were both ladylike and elegant, and made shimmering prettiness and Hollywood allure seem alike a little naive.

Victor Stiebel's beautiful dark-brown dress (its heart-shaped neckline veiled by net) that Angrave has sketched (right) shows this new dignity: so does Motley's really divine Greek dress (shown on the reclining figure). This is in dark green satin, all pleated.

Keep Off, Young Man

There was also a series of satin dresses by Stiebel with vast clumps of passion flowers, poppies and other herbaceous plants on the bosom. These seemed more suitable for dancing the quadrille than the rumba, but were certainly thought-provoking.

After many years of hearing that teagowns are coming in, there does now seem to be a movement for moving into something informal for country tea time and dinner at home: Lydia Moss gives expression to this tendency with her series of fluffy lace-trimmed trailers, and one impressive Elizabethan gown of quilted crimson satin. Very glamorous for the bou-doir-minded.

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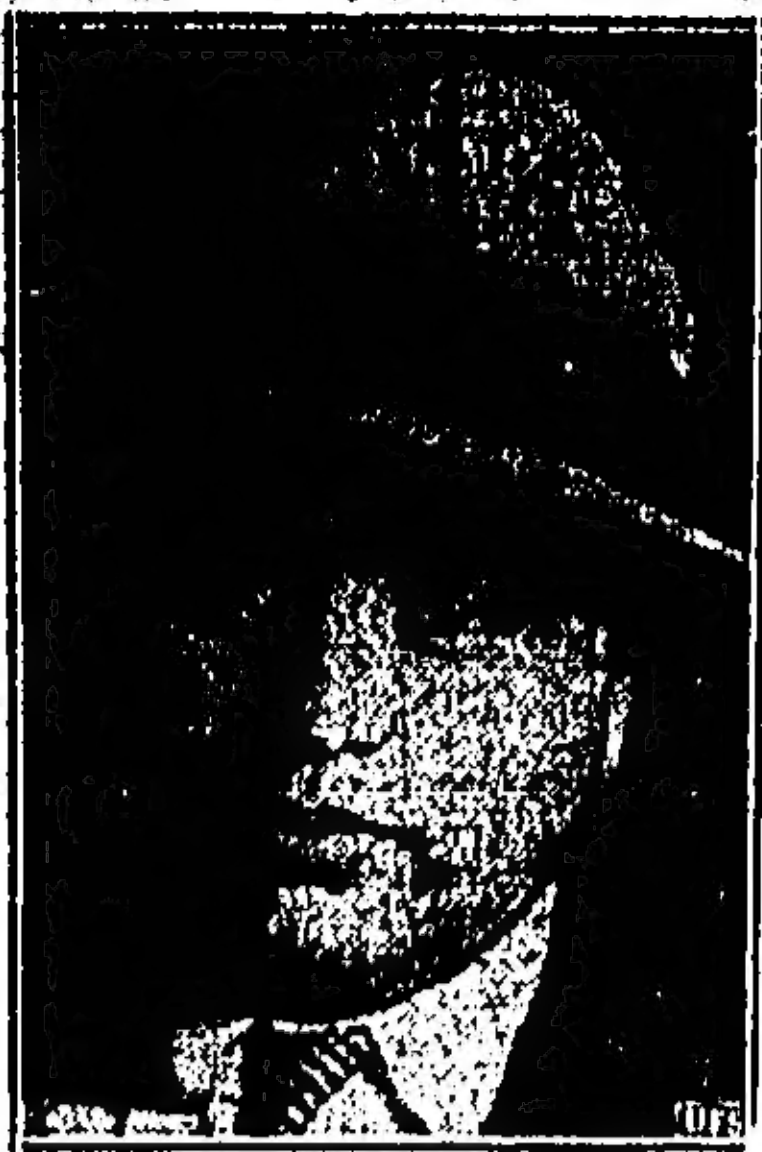
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COLLAPSE—Alphonse Capone, once Chicago's most powerful gang leader, reported in a mental collapse and under observation in the hospital at Alcatraz Federal prison, San Francisco Bay. It was indicated that if incurably insane he would be moved to Springfield, Mo. He is serving a 10-year sentence for violation of income tax laws.

New Air For 1938 Motors

Detroit, Feb. 15. Partial air conditioning for all automobiles is now available to every motorist, at a cost no greater than for the installation of a good heater.

A compact little unit designed and built by the Evans Products Company, called the "Evanair," makes this possible.

Hupmobile has adopted it as optional equipment. At least two major United States automobile producers are making exhaustive tests and probably will adopt it soon.

This new product brings to every automobile owner the advantages of limited air-conditioning pioneered last fall by Nash, plus several new refinements. It can be installed in a few hours on any car, new or second-hand.—United Press.

Lepers Placed At 5 Million

Toronto. Although the number of cures is increasing, there are still 5,000,000 lepers in the world, Emery Ross, general secretary of the American Mission to Lepers, told the African committee of the foreign mission conference here.

BY-GONE BUSINESS SECRETS

'I WON'T SAVE HIM'

Boston, Mass.

AT midnight Frank Di Stasio, 55-years-old sweets maker, and his 25-years-old son, Anthony, are due to be electrocuted in the first father-and-son execution in the history of the State.

And the son is innocent, according to his father, who refuses to sign a document exonerating him.

Frank replies to all the lawyers' pleadings: "My son is innocent. I know he is. But I won't sign the paper. I love my son so much I do not want to leave him behind. I am going to die happy."

The father was sentenced to death for the murder of Daniel Crowley in 1935, and the son was convicted for being an accessory before the fact.

BODY IN CAR

Crowley's burned body was found in a derelict car. Both legs and arms were broken and pieces of the skull were missing, indicating a possible fracture before death. The tongue was scorched, and smoke and fire had been inhaled into the lungs.

It was not long before the police had detained Anthony di Stasio, who made a statement implicating his father. This said that father and son went to Hudson, a suburb of Boston, and selected the scene for the crime.

ARREST BEFORE WEDDING

Two days later, driving his car, Anthony followed his father, who spoke to a shabbily dressed man and drove him to the selected spot. Anthony said he waited for his father, who joined him in 13 minutes. He denied hearing anybody scream for help.

The father was to have been married a few days after the crime, and was arrested within a few hours of the ceremony. The police theory is that Crowley was killed so that Anthony should collect insurance money on his father's life.—British United Press.



FOR SPRING—Looking toward news in the fashion world for spring is the garb worn by this charming model at a recent fashion display in the Ritz-Carlton, New York. The hat, of rough straw, shows the influence of the late Spanish painter Goya. Lizard-back gloves of navy are worn over pimento polish. The coat slightly flares.

Bus Etiquette Taught

Hollister, Cal.

Buses have become such an integral part of American life, it seems, that special etiquette is needed for them. The English class of the junior college which is preparing to publish a book on modern etiquette will cover such fields as good behaviour at dances, school, restaurants, and on trains and buses.

When Shops Sold Clothes That Never Wore Out

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In other words, the people who are making it their business to make what was nobody's business yesterday everybody's business tomorrow.

You may not know, for example, that Macaulay in 1856 was paid £20,000 as a mere advance sum for his History of England; and that in 1817 Thomas Moore was given £3,000 for "Lalla Rookh."

These are two facts, chosen at random from the knowledge store of the council, an organization which, in its three-and-a-half years' existence has sorted through the records of hundreds of old-established firms and collected a remarkable amount of varied information.

This will be compiled into handbooks devoted to various trades and industries.

FOR THE ECONOMIST

"It has not only a historical but an economic interest," Mr. A. V. Judges, the young brown-haired, ruddy-faced secretary, told the News Chronicle recently. "All the economists who work on trade cycles and that sort of thing have to draw their facts from Government reports and Royal Commission reports."

"Now reports such as these are only issued at times of crisis—they are doctors' diagnoses and doctors are not called in unless the patient is sick. We hope to discover how the patient lived and how he grew while he was well."

Mr. Judges dived into a deep deerskin box packed with ancient manuscripts written in copper-plate hand, ink gone brown with age.

"Look at this," for instance," he said, "This is the order book of a member of a Somerset clothing firm in the 1770's. Here are the samples of cloth he carried about with him."

GRANDPA'S SUITS

Pinned to the pages were tiny snippets of blue and mulberry broadcloth, as lustrous in colour, as smoothly sold in texture as they were 150 years ago.

"Things were for ever in those days. To-day, although we could still make cloth like that, we don't want it; we get bored with our clothes and want them to wear out in two or three years!"

All over the country people have been asked to send their ancient records to the Council's Headquarters: The Institute of Historical Research, Malet Street, W.C.

Although the Council does not keep the documents, they take note of them and what is in them. An extensive card-index is prepared, so that the writer of any given handbook can at once go to the source for his material.

"Franco Attack" Message In An Orange

Geneva.

A shopper in Bole, near Neuchâtel, began peeling a Spanish orange which he had just bought.

Inside the skin he found a small card on which was written in Spanish:

"Send reinforcements 5,000 men, Pertala di Sorte—Franco will attack on 12.12.7."

If the Government was used by a Spanish Government spy to convey a message to headquarters, it is a mystery how it got to Switzerland.

'KING'S CHAMPION' ARRESTED

Mr. Edward Miller, the Woking draper, self-styled "King's and people's champion," was arrested recently on a warrant and taken to Brixton Prison.

He had failed to comply with an order to pay 25 guineas costs arising from summonses which he brought against two officers and the clerk and chairman of Woking Urban Council for assault.

His summonses were brought after he had been forcibly ejected from the council chamber last June. He was committed to prison for a month, but allowed seven days in which to pay.

When the seven days expired on Tuesday evening Mr. Miller again entered the council chamber and left after exclaiming: "Mr. Stollery, you are a disgrace to the council and you are a disgrace to the town of Woking."

MADE A PERFECT 2 DAYS BEFORE SUICIDE

PUBLIC SCHOOL BOY WHO TOOK POISON

LABORATORY JOKE ABOUT CYANIDE

Two days after he had been made a prefect, Samuel Felix Wilson, an 18-year-old pupil of Felsted School, near Great Dunmow, Essex, climbed through the window of the locked laboratory and drank poison. This was revealed at the inquest at Braintree when a verdict that he "came to his death by cyanide poison self-administered while the balance of his mind was disturbed" was recorded.

The boy was the son of Dr. Samuel Wilson, of Roche House, Rochford, near Southend.

Evidence of identification was given by Dr. W. J. C. Chevis, of London-road, Chelmsford, who said that the boy was his wife's nephew.

ON OVERTURNED CHAIR

Mr. J. F. Alston, a master, said that Wilson, who was found dead one Sunday night in the biology laboratory, was discovered lying across an overturned chair. The room was in darkness. Wilson, he said, was last seen at 2.30 that afternoon, when he went for a walk.

Mr. J. E. Everett, biology master in charge of the laboratory, which stands apart from the ordinary school buildings, said that he locked the laboratory about lunch-time on Sunday.

The master said that Wilson always seemed cheerful. The only way he could have got into the laboratory was through the window. It would not be possible to make any distinction between poisonous and harmless things in the laboratory.

The Rev. K. J. F. Bickersteth, headmaster of Felsted School, said that Wilson was admitted in September, 1933, and during his whole school career had never been sent to him for any misdemeanour.

TO HAVE STUDIED AT GUY'S

"His character was absolutely first class," Mr. Bickersteth said. "He was to have left at the end of this term to enter Guy's Hospital in April to study medicine. Only two days before his death he had been made a house prefect."

Dr. Chevis: Had the boy ever consulted you in the matter of his career?—Never with any idea of pursuing any other career than that of medicine.

Did he appear to be happy and contented at the thought of taking up medicine?—On the whole, I think so. A fellow pupil, Peter John Sutherland, said that he and Wilson were working together in the laboratory on Saturday when there was some talk with other boys about potassium cyanide.

"Wilson made a frivolous remark about it," he said. "One of the boys said that he had found some potassium cyanide and that it was still in its usual place. Wilson said: 'I think I'll have some of that.' It was only a joke. Anybody might have said it."

Replying to the coroner, Dr. J. F. MacDonald, Sutherland said that Wilson did not take any of the poison away.

Dr. Geoffrey O. Barber, who made a post-mortem examination, said there was no doubt that Wilson had died from the effects of potassium cyanide, of which he must have taken "a very large quantity."

The coroner, recording his verdict, said he was satisfied that Wilson's mental condition was disturbed.

Letter Makes Fast Time

Peterborough, Ont. A letter mailed in Wellington, N.Z., arrived here, completing the 8,000 mile trip in eight days. It apparently travelled from Wellington to Sydney by train and was then forwarded by air to Peterborough.

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British Navy
Manoeuvres
In Atlantic

Gibraltar, Mar. 14. The combined British Home and Mediterranean Fleets, mightiest fighting force in European waters, sailed to-day on the second phase of the manoeuvres in the Atlantic.—United Press.

FRENZIED WELCOME
TO HITLER

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broadcast commentator sobbing with emotion said: "The Fuehrer is with us." Daring spectators climbed lamp-posts, and facades and hung in trees, all crying "We want to see the Fuehrer."

There will be an official welcome to Hitler at 11 o'clock on Tuesday in Heroes Square.—United Press.

ECSTATIC SPEECH

Vienna, Mar. 14. Garrisons at Linz, Innsbruck and other towns, paraded to-day and took the oath of allegiance to Herr Hitler who arrived in Vienna just before 5 o'clock. The Cardinal Archbishop of Vienna ordered the ringing of all church bells, while over 1,000,000 people lined the streets.

Herr Hitler was greeted with unending cheers as he appeared on the balcony of the Hotel Imperial. In a brief speech from the balcony, Herr Hitler said a great and historical turning point had been vouchsafed the German people.

"It is not the 2,000,000 in this city alone, but the 65,000,000 of our people in the Reich who are with us to-day. I am moved and overwhelmed as are you who live in the same faith. Whatever may come, nobody can ever again shatter or crush the German Reich as it stands to-day, and no menace, no necessity and no force can break this oath. There are here united, people from Koenigsberg to Cologne, from Hamburg to Vienna.—Reuter.

KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

THE RENTS QUESTION

The General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association proposes, if deemed advisable, to make representation to the Government of Hongkong in support of tenants whose rents have been unreasonably increased or who have been evicted despite prompt payment of rent.

To enable the Association to present irrefutable facts to Government, residents, whether or not members of the Association, are invited to fill in this form and send it to Mr. R. Baldwin, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, 51, Kimberley Road, Kowloon.

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Address

Name of Landlord

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Remarks

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Notice to Shareholders

The Thirty-third Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, on Wednesday, the 6th April, 1938, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1937.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 23rd March to 6th April, 1938, both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.

General Managers.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1938.WHITNEY'S PLEA
OF GUILTY
ACCEPTED

New York, March 14. In the general sessions court, Mr. Richard Whitney, principal partner in the failing firm of Whitney & Co., which went into voluntary liquidation recently, pleaded guilty to a charge of first degree grand larceny involving a \$105,000 family trust fund. The possible maximum sentence is five to 10 years hard labour. Sentence is expected to be passed in a fortnight.—United Press.



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 22nd MARCH, 1938, at 11:30 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st OCTOBER, 1937.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 12th MARCH, 1938, to TUESDAY, the 22nd MARCH, 1938, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1938.

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The Fifty-seventh Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 31st March, 1938, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 24th March to 14th April inclusive.

By order of the Board,
JARDINE, MATHESON &
CO., LTD.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 11th March, 1938.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of the Company, 2 Queen's Building, Hongkong, on Monday, 28th March, 1938, at Noon for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1937.

The Share Register and Transfer Book will be closed from 12th to 28th March, 1938, both days inclusive.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS.E. COCK,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1938.THE HONGKONG FIRE
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Notice to Shareholders.

The Sixty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Tuesday, the 29th March, 1938, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1937.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 15th to the 29th March, 1938, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON &
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The Hongkong Fire Insurance
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Hongkong, 7th March, 1938.

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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 2nd April, 1938, or they will not be recognized.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 18th March, 1938, at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by,
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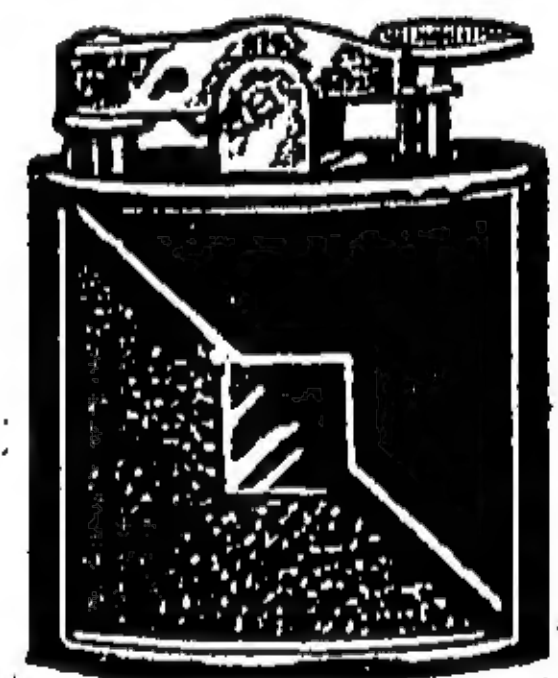


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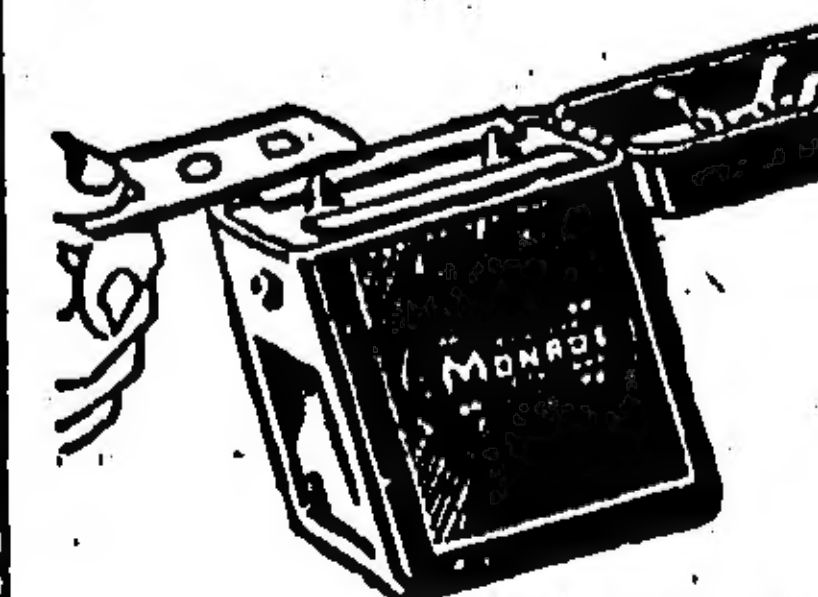
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PREPARING BRITAIN
FOR CRISIS

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and that Dr. Schuschnigg must resign in order to be replaced by Dr. Seyss-Inquart. It appeared that Dr. Schuschnigg was given until 4.30 p.m. in which to reply, and that he was informed that if the reply was unsatisfactory, German troops would be ordered to move at 5 p.m.

This fact seemed to show that Germany was behind the ultimatum (Cheers).

Yielded To Threats

Later in the day a fresh ultimatum which appeared to be brought from Germany by plane, demanded the resignation of the Chancellor and his replacement by Dr. Seyss-Inquart, the formation of a new Cabinet, two-thirds of which should be National-Socialists, the re-admission of the Austrian Legion, and the total readmission of the Nazi Party.

The Austrian Chancellor later announced by wireless, that in view of the German threatened invasion, he had yielded to avoid shedding German blood, and Austrian troops had been instructed to offer no resistance if and when the German troops crossed the frontier.

Recalls Protest Note

Mr. Chamberlain proceeded to recall the British note of protest delivered on March 11, adding that earlier in the same day he made earnest representations in the same sense to the German Minister for Foreign Affairs, with whom Viscount Halifax also had two conversations the same day.

The German Government's reply stated that the British Government was not within its rights in claiming the role of protector for the independence of Austria. A letter from Baron von Neurath to the British Ambassador in Berlin stated that the German Government had never left the British Government in any doubt that the form of the relations between the Reich and Austria could only be regarded as an internal affair of the German people, which was not the concern of third powers. In particular, the allegation that the ultimatum presented demanded a Cabinet and Chancellor according to a list of certain candidates in conformity with the proposals of the German Government, falling into the entry of German troops into Austria would have to be contemplated, was described by Baron von Neurath as pure imagination.

Answered Appeal

The letter went on to say that the despatch of forces from Germany was first raised by an Austrian request, and it added: "Faced with the directly threatening danger of bloody civil war in Austria, the Government of the Reich decided to meet the appeal."

The letter concluded with the contention that dangerous consequences could only come into play if an attempt was made by a third party in contradiction to the peaceful intentions and legitimate aims of the Reich, to exercise in the developments of the situation in Austria an influence inconsistent with the right of the German people to self-determination.

Mr. Chamberlain, after stating that the Government had remained in the closest touch with the French Government throughout, said that it seemed to them that the methods adopted throughout called for the severest condemnation, and they had administered a shock to all who were entrusted with the preservation of European peace.

It followed that what had passed could not fail to have prejudiced the hope of the British Government of removing the misunderstandings between the nations and the promoting of international co-operation.

Czecho-Slovakia Reassured

After Mr. Chamberlain had refuted rumours sedulously put about in many quarters that the Government had given consent, if not encouragement, to the idea of the absorption of Austria by Germany, he referred to the attitude of Czecho-Slovakia and said he was informed that Field-Marshal Hermann Goerring on March 11 gave a general assurance to the Czecho-Slovak Minister to Berlin that it would be the earnest endeavour of the German Government to improve German-Czech relations, while on the same day the Czech Minister was assured by Baron von Neurath that Germany considered herself bound to the German-Czech-Slovak arbitration convention of October 1925.

Pledge Discharged

The Prime Minister maintained that Britain had fully discharged her pledge for consultation both with the French and Italian governments, to whom they had made an immediate approach when Austrian independence seemed to be threatened by recent events.

French Government addressed a similar protest to Germany, but from the Italian Government they had not received a full exposition of their views. Mr. Chamberlain emphasized that the British Government had always made it clear that it strongly disapproved the application of violent methods for a solution of this problem. The hard fact was that nothing could have arrested this action by Germany unless Britain and others had been prepared to use force to prevent them.

"I imagine, according to the temperaments of the individual, that the events in our mind to-day will be the cause of regret, sorrow, and perhaps indignation," (Cheers). "They cannot be regarded by the Government with indifference and equanimity. They are bound to have an effect that cannot be measured. The immediate results must be to bring about a more serious and more determined attitude on the part of the British Government."

POST OFFICE.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due
Shanghai and Amoy	Soochow	March 15.
Manila	Emp. of Russia	March 16.
Straits and Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers) London date, 17th February and (London Parcels)	Ranpura	March 16.
London date, 10th February	Shanghai	March 16.
Calcutta and Straits	Tientsin	March 16.
Java and Manila	Canton	March 17.
Halong	Kiangsu	March 17.
Hongkong, Peking and Hsinchow	Kitano Maru	March 17.
Australia and Manila	Prometheus	March 17.
Manila	Taiwan	March 17.
Shanghai and Swatow	Agamemnon	March 18.
Straits, Manila and London Parcels	Bhutan	March 18.
London date, 3rd February		
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 10th March	Imperial Airways Plane	March 18.
Japan and Shanghai	Kansai-I-Hind	March 18.
Shanghai, Amoy and Swatow	Liangchow	March 18.
Saloon	Sphinx	March 18.
Shanghai	Glennahel	March 19.
Halifax	G. G. Paul Doumer	March 19.
Calcutta and Straits	Hosang	March 19.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco		
date, 11th March	San Francisco Pan American Airways Plane	March 19.
Shanghai	Conte Blancamano	March 20.
Japan and Shanghai	Marchal Joffre	March 20.
Shanghai and Amoy	Tibet	March 20.
Bangkok	Yingchow	March 20.
Japan	Teucer	March 21.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time
Tuesday		
Saloon, Madang, Salamaua and Neptuna	Tues., Mar. 15, 5 p.m.	
Rabaul, Sydney and Melbourne		
Wednesday		
Samshui and Wuchow	Kongso	Wed., Mar. 16, 8.15 a.m.
*Swatow, *Shanghai and Tientsin	Fausang	Wed., Mar. 16, 8.30 a.m.
*Kongmoon	Fook On	Wed., Mar. 16, 10.30 a.m.
Amoy and Pechow (via Amoy)	Chokiang	Wed., Mar. 16, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow and Bangkok	Kalgan	Wed., Mar. 16, 10.30 a.m.
Halong, Peking and Halphong	Kaying	Wed., Mar. 16, 1 p.m.
Swatow and Amoy	Anshun	Wed., Mar. 16, 2.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Wuchow, Kweilin, C.N.A.C. Plane	C.N.A.C. Plane	Wed., Mar. 16.
Kweiyang and Chungking by the "C.N.A.C." Airways Direct Service	Reg.,	Mar. 16, 5 p.m.
	Ord.,	G. F. O.
	Reg.,	Mar. 16, 5 p.m.
	Ord.,	Mar. 17, 6 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Talamba	Wed., Mar. 16.
	Parcels	Mar. 16, 5 p.m.
	Ord.,	Mar. 17, 6.30 a.m.
Thursday		
Shanghai and *Japan	Ranpura	Thurs., Mar. 17, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and *Europe via Vancouver B.C., (Parcels for Canada only)—due	Empress of Russia	Thurs., Mar. 17.
Vancouver B.C., 4th April	Parcels	Mar. 17, 4 p.m.
Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Reg.,	Mar. 17, 5 p.m.
	Ord.,	Mar. 17, 5.30 p.m.
Friday		
Swatow, *Shanghai and Tientsin	Fooking	Fri., Mar. 18, 8.30 a.m.
Sandakan	Hsinang	Fri., Mar. 18, 8.30 a.m.
*Straits and Calcutta	Suisang	Fri., Mar. 18.
	Parcels	Mar. 18, 11 a.m.
	Ord.,	Mar. 18, Noon.
Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Sphinx	Sphinx	Fri., March 18, 1.30 p.m.
Siberia		
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and S. Kaiser-I-Hind	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Fri., Mar. 18.
Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due	Parcels	Mar. 18, 5 p.m.
15th April	Ord.,	Mar. 18, 10.30 a.m.
Saturday		
Amoy and Shanghai	Tsinan	Sat., March 19, 8.30 a.m.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Service"—due	Kaiser-I-Hind	Sat., Mar. 19.
March	Reg.,	Mar. 19, 9.30 a.m.
	Ord.,	Mar. 19, 10 a.m.
Air Mail for "France-Orient Airways Service"—due	Marchal Joffre	Sat., Mar. 19.
3rd April	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Reg.,
	Ord.,	March 19, 4.30 p.m.

*Superscribed correspondence only.

EXCHANGE RATES

	Mar. 10.	Mar. 14.
Paris	158.5/32	162 1/2
Geneva	21.60 1/2	21.60
Berlin	12.41 1/2	12.40 1/2
Vienna	5.47 1/2	5.47 1/2
Milan	95 1/2	94 1/2
Oslo	19.90	19.90
Copenhagen	22.40	22.40
Stockholm	19.42	19.42
Helsingfors	22.6 1/2	22.6 1/2
Shanghai	1/2 1/2	1/2 1/2
New York	5.00 1/2	4.98 1/2
Vienna	26 1/2	26 1/2
Amsterdam	8.90 1/2	8.90 1/2
Prague	142 1/2	142 1/2
Madrid	Nom.	Nom.
Lisbon	110 1/2	110 1/2
Hongkong	1/3	1/3
Bombay	1/6 1/2	1/6 1/2
Montreal	5.00 1/2	4.99 1/2
Brussels	29.63 1/2	29.63 1/2
Yokohama	1/2	1/2
Belgrade	210	210
Bucharest	677 1/2	677 1/2
Montevideo	21 1/2	21 1/2
Rio de Janeiro	21 1/2	21 1/2
Silver (Spot)	20 1/2	20 1/2
Silver (forward) 1911	19 1/2	19 1/2
War Loan	102 1/2	101 1/2

—British Wireless.

sify the sense of uncertainty and insecurity in Europe.

"We must consider the new situation clearly, but with a cool judgment and in the confidence that we shall be supported in asking that no notice be shall regard himself as concluded from any extension of national efforts that may be called for."

Concluding Mr. Chamberlain referred to the defence programme, declaring: "We have always made it clear that it is feasible and would have to be reviewed from time to time in the light of any development in the international situation."

It would be idle to deny that recent events do not constitute a change of the kind we had in mind. Accordingly, we have decided to make a fresh review, and in the course of this we shall announce what further steps we shall take to meet the new situation.

RUMOURS
OUT OF
RUSSIATroop Said To Be
Standing By

Moscow, Mar. 13.

The authorities have ordered three generals to Kiev, supposedly to participate in the White Russian anniversary celebrations. Official hero terms as "guest-work" a report in the London Sunday Pictorial that 500,000 Russian troops equipped with war materials are standing by near the Polish frontier awaiting orders to march to the aid of Czecho-Slovakia.

The Pictorial states that Josef Stalin has been warned to prepare for a German attack on Czecho-Slovakia.—United Press.

FOREIGN FLIERS
ESCAPE

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bombers made a lightning raid on Hankow yesterday evening, and heavily bombed the air field before the alarm sirens began blowing. They hurriedly made off when searchlights swept the sky and several Chinese planes circled, seeking to land in the field in which several fires burned for half an hour.

The surprise night raid, which was the first Japanese raid since the great air battle on February 18, is regarded as a deliberate move. The Japanese planes veered off Hankow as if returning to their base, and then approached from a different direction, eluding the vigilance of the air defence look-outs in the gathering dusk.—United Press.

PLANES RECONNOITRE

Hankow, Mar. 15. Ten Japanese planes were sighted at 11 a.m. yesterday near Shanghai, north-east of Hankow, which few Chinese fighters and the Japanese fighters were seen to be circling. The Japanese planes were seen to be circling the city of Hankow, and the Japanese fighters were seen to be circling the city of Hankow.

JAPANESE RAIDS IN SOUTH

Many Planes Out
To Bomb China
Communications

Canton, March 14.
After a long period of inactivity, Japanese planes again were active in force today in South China. More than 20 planes participated in the bombardment.

They concentrated their fire on the Boca Tigris Forts, and also bombed Tunkwan, on the Canton-Kowloon Railway, and Nankong, on the Canton-Hankow line. Chinese sources state that no appreciable damage has been done.—United Press.

HIGHWAY BOMBED

Canton, March 13.
In spite of the cold and rain, one lone Japanese plane this morning flew over Fa Su Ling on the Pao On and Tai Ping highway and dropped two bombs. The damage is not stated.—International.

WRECKED PLANES FOUND

Canton, March 14.
The fifth and sixth of the six Japanese aeroplanes that were brought down by the Chinese during the air battle over Nanyang on February 24 have been discovered. Both wrecked planes were found on the side of the Tin Toi Mountain in Sanwai district with the bodies of four dead Japanese pilots.—Our Own Correspondent.

PILOT PRISONER

Hankow, Mar. 14.
Lieut. San Wyhara, Japanese pilot who was shot down at Tchengchen, on February 23, will be escorted here to-night. He will be examined by military officials and kept here as a prisoner of war. A statement by Wyhara at Canton said he was forced to join the air service and that he was really a Chinese.—International.

SHANTUNG BOMBING

Hsuechow, Mar. 14.
Various important stations on the northern section of the Tientsin-Pukow railway have been subjected to severe aerial bombings by Japanese during the last few days.

Numerous civilians were killed and wounded, while many houses were demolished.

Three bombs were dropped on a theological seminary at Tchengchen, while four landed on a German Catholic Church. Over 20 people were reported to have been killed or wounded at these two points.—Central News.

SHENSI TOWN RAIDED

Shanghai, Mar. 14.
At a Japanese press conference this morning, it was announced that one of the longest air raids of the war was carried out on Nancheng in the extreme south-west of Shensi, near the Szechuan border. The Japanese claim they destroyed two Chinese military godowns.—Reuter.

BOMBER SHOT DOWN

Chengchow, Mar. 14.
Five Japanese planes bombed the railway and aerodrome here yesterday but did little damage. One bomber was shot by anti-aircraft fire. The same planes also raided Linchintien on the Peiping-Hankow Railway and Shushui on the Lunghai Railway west of this town.—International.

SIAN WRECKAGE

Sian, Mar. 14.
Sian was subjected to another raid this morning when 33 Japanese planes, dropped scores of bombs in the western suburbs.

More than 20 civilian houses were wrecked.—Central News.

U.S. To Build Bigger Ships

Foreign Policy
Questioned

New York, Mar. 14.
According to the New York Herald-Tribune, the Department of State has definitely decided to invoke the Escalator Clause of the 1930 Naval Treaty and is prepared for unilateral action to remove the present limit in the size of battleships, if France and Britain do not do so simultaneously.—Reuter.

Investigation To Be Demanded

Washington, Mar. 13.
The coalition of the Republicans, Liberal Democrats, Progressives and Farmer Laborites of the House of Representatives have planned a "show down" on foreign policy during the Naval Expansion debate, which commences to-morrow, using the European situation as a vehicle to demand further clarification of the International position.

Representative Maury Maverick, Democrat of Texas, in a broadcast said that the real purpose of a big navy was "to police the world and preserve democracy at the point of the gun."

Representative George H. Tinkam, Republican of Massachusetts, announced that he is introducing a resolution directing Representative

HAND-WASHING INCLUDED IN DOCTOR'S FEE

A DOCTOR who said he considered washing his hands before and after treating a patient as "all in the work" provoked a remark about Dr. Cronin's book, "The Citadel," from Mr. Registrar Friend.

Dr. John Barr Stevens, of Stroud Green Road, N., successfully sued John Dunkley, of Trinder Road, Crouch Hill, at Clerkenwell County Court for £3 10s. for medical services to Dunkley's landlady.

Dr. Stevens had described how he treated the woman for buritis ("second cousin to 'housemaid's knee'") as the Registrar put it.

"These proceedings were extensive," said Dr. Stevens. "I had to wash my hands before and after treating the wound. I thought altogether that I was charging reasonably."

ENTITLED TO PAY

The Registrar: You are not suggesting, are you, that you are charging anything for washing your hands?—That is all in the work, and if one is delayed longer, then one is entitled to ask for payment for it.

Do you really seriously suggest that in a case of this sort the doctor applies his mind, so far as fees are concerned, to the washing of his hands?—It is a part of the thing.

The Registrar: I have never heard such a suggestion. I suppose, then, a famous surgeon adds ten guineas to his fee as a charge for preparing for an operation?—He may do so.

"Then I repeat," said the Registrar (referring to a recent remark he made in court about "The Citadel," by Dr. Cronin) "that a certain book about doctors may not be altogether wrong."

Dr. Stevens: I am not responsible for the book.

NOT EXORBITANT

Dr. Martin Joseph Healy, the family doctor of the patient concerned, said he thought Dr. Stevens had made a very good job of the arm.

Giving judgment for Dr. Stevens with cost, the Registrar said there was no foundation for the suggestion that the doctor caused any unnecessary pain or suffering.

"Eliminating from my mind Dr. Stevens' statement that he took washing his hands into consideration, it seems to me that there is no justification for the suggestion that his charges are exorbitant."

South Africa Honours Kipling

Capetown.
A South African branch of the Kipling Society was inaugurated here to-day.

Speaking of Rudyard Kipling, Mr. G. H. Wilson, editor of the "Cape Times," said that much of his best work was planned or written in Capetown. It was revealed that the famous author was called in by Cecil Rhodes to assist in the drafting of his famous will.

An interesting light was thrown on the career of Edgar Wallace. It was largely through Kipling that Wallace made his appearance in the ranks of literature, an introduction between the two men taking place after Wallace's poem welcoming Kipling "to the land of millionaires and potted meat," which appeared when Kipling

5,000-YEAR-OLD EGYPTIAN TOMB

MR. WALTER EMERY, the 35-year-old Liverpool archaeologist, who a fortnight ago made the most astonishing Egyptian tomb discovery since that of King Tutankhamen, has now unearthed another tomb—almost the only one known which for 5,000 years has remained untouched.

It is, in fact, the first important untouched Second Dynasty tomb ever found.

The tomb now found is that of a Second Dynasty noble, and, reports Reuter, it is in the same area in which Mr. Emery discovered two weeks ago the First Dynasty tomb thought to be that of King Sakkara, in the Nile Valley, 40 miles south of Cairo.

The tomb now discovered was sealed after a funeral ceremony of 5,100 years ago. Mr. Emery and his assistants were the first human beings to gaze upon it since that ceremony.

1,800 YEARS BEFORE "TUT"

With his Egyptian assistant Zaki Saad Effendi, Mr. Emery suddenly came upon brickwork covering a massive limestone "portcullis," which guarded the entrance to the tomb.

Entrance was discovered after a shaft 50 ft. deep had been cleared. Peering with the aid of a lantern into this subterranean chamber of rock, resembling some giant's cache, the excavators found a scene of history perfectly preserved 5,000 years below the level of desert sands.

The scene had been set 1,800 years before the birth of Tutankhamen. In an alcove, lay a large wooden coffin. This had collapsed, but Mr. Emery was able to reconstruct it with the aid of paraffin wax.

EX-WIFE TO AID MARQUIS IN JAIL

Paris.
THE former wife of the Marquis de Portago, forty-eight-year-old millionaire Spanish grandee and film actor, who was arrested in France recently and accused of faking passports, travelled 700 miles from London to Bayonne to-day in the hope of getting the marquis from prison.

The marquise was formerly Miss Olga Leighton. She was left a large fortune by her American first husband, the late Frank Mackay, Chicago millionaire.

"I felt that I could not leave my very good friend the marquis in a difficulty," she said.

"The fact that we are now divorced does not enter the matter."

To-day the marquise was taken handcuffed to the office of the examining magistrate in Bayonne to be questioned.

When he was arrested he was driving a British car with a G. B. identity plate and was returning from France Spain.

The marquise is a keen partisan of General Franco and was recently in London raising money for the cause.

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TERRIBLE BUTCHERY REPORTED

Attempt To Wipe
Out Guerrillas

Hankow, Mar. 14.
Gen. Chu Teh, commander of the Eighth Route Army, telegraphed the Communist organ, New China Daily, yesterday saying that 200,000 Chinese had been massacred and 50,000 houses burned by Japanese in the past few weeks in the districts on both sides of the Peiping-Hankow railway section between Paoing and Shih-chiahuang, Hopei.

The Chinese commander said the reason for this "fresh Japanese brutality was to wipe out the strongholds of Chinese guerrillas and wipe out the quasi-guerrillas in the districts under Japanese occupation. Having had been wrought in the districts of Tanghsien, Wansien and Chuang which are all scores of miles away to the west of the railway.

All Chinese in these districts, regarded by the Japanese as quasi-guerrillas, have been killed in unspeakable ways, including cutting off of ears, noses and eyeballs and piercing through the heart.

Chu Teh appeals for immediate relief for the refugees who have fortunately escaped from hell.—United Press.

FAMILY SUICIDE

Death Before Dishonour At
Japanese Hands

Hankow, Mar. 14.
All vernacular papers here prominently play up the story of three women of the Fang family who committed suicide when Japanese troops threatened to violate them at Tingyuan.

The story goes that the 71-year-old Fang Pi, veteran revolutionary in China, who is now conducting guerrilla warfare in north Anhwei, left his grand-daughter, daughter-in-law and sister-in-law at his native village in Tingyuan district. The women drowned themselves in the river outside the village instead of complying with the demands of the Japanese soldiers.

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EUROPE HAS NO CHOICE

Goering Thunders
Challenge

Berlin, Mar. 14.
"A new map of Europe has been created," declared General Goering, acting Premier of Germany during Hitler's absence, in a speech here to-day.

"The Anschluss," he continued, "has shifted the balance of power in Europe decisively in favour of Germany and Austria. The Central European regions stand under unrestricted European leadership. The strength of Germany as a world power grows. The world must recognise the value of this fact."

General Goering added threateningly that there was no point in discussing the documents of protest delivered to Germany since Europe had no choice but to co-operate.—Reuter Special.

PRESS WELCOME

The Press here to-day welcomes the Anschluss between Germany and Austria in exuberant fashion. The Deutsche Dienst News Service, which is allied to the German News Service, states that no machinations of so-called politicians can destroy the reality of a greater German Reich.

The German people and the Nazi people, it adds, guarantee this with their lives.

The Voelkische Beobachter says, "The dream of Germans for a 1,000 years has come true."—Reuter Special.

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 3.15 p.m. yesterday, 13/3/38.

Market ruled quietly steady, with prices a shade lower. Providents are keeping steady at \$3.55 buyers, while Ewos in Shanghai are \$14.40 buyers.

Buyers

Bank of East Asia \$30 ex. div.
Union Insurance \$33
Union Waterworks \$20
H.K. & W. Docks \$24.05
Providents (Old) \$3 1/2
Providents (New) \$1 1/2
H. & S. Hotels \$2.50
H.K. Lands \$26.55
Chinese Estates \$25
Humphreys \$2
H.K. Realities \$2.55
H.K. Tramways \$15.40
Peak Tram (Old) \$7
Yamat Fertiliser \$12
Sandalwood \$13 1/2
Telephones (Old) \$27 1/2
Telephones (New) \$25
Watsons \$7
Constructions \$1 1/2
Wallace Harpers \$3 1/2

Sellers

Union Insurance \$34
H.K. Fire Insurance \$247 1/2
Rouba \$7.00
H. & S. Hotels \$7
Lane, Crawfords \$3 1/2

Sales

Hongkong Bank \$1,005
China Underwriters \$2,200/25
H.K. & W. Docks \$129/140
H.K. & W. Docks \$24 1/2
Providents (Old) \$3 1/2
Providents (New) \$1 1/2
H.K. Lands \$27 1/2
H.K. Tramways \$15.40
China Light (Old) \$12 1/2
Telephones (Old) \$28
Telephones (New) \$25
Watsons \$7
Ewo Cottons \$14.40
Merriman (H.K.) 4/-
Antamoka Pa. \$3
Aloks \$24 1/2
Buzio Gold \$20
Benguet Consol \$7.70
Coco Grove \$2
Consolidated Mines \$11
Demonstrations \$2 1/2
I. X. L. \$7 1/2
San Maurice \$23
Suyce Consol \$18
United Paracales \$1

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Sept. 14.07/06 14.55/55

Dec. 14.78/76 14.79/79

Jan. 14.68 N

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July 83 1/2/83 82 1/2/82 1/2

Sept. 82 1/2/82 81 1/2/81

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Chicago Corn

May 58 1/2/58 57 1/2/57 1/2

July 60 1/2/60 59 1/2/59 1/2

Sept. 61 / 61

Winnipeg Wheat

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July 110/109 107 1/2/108 1/2

Oct. 90 1/2/ 90 1/2

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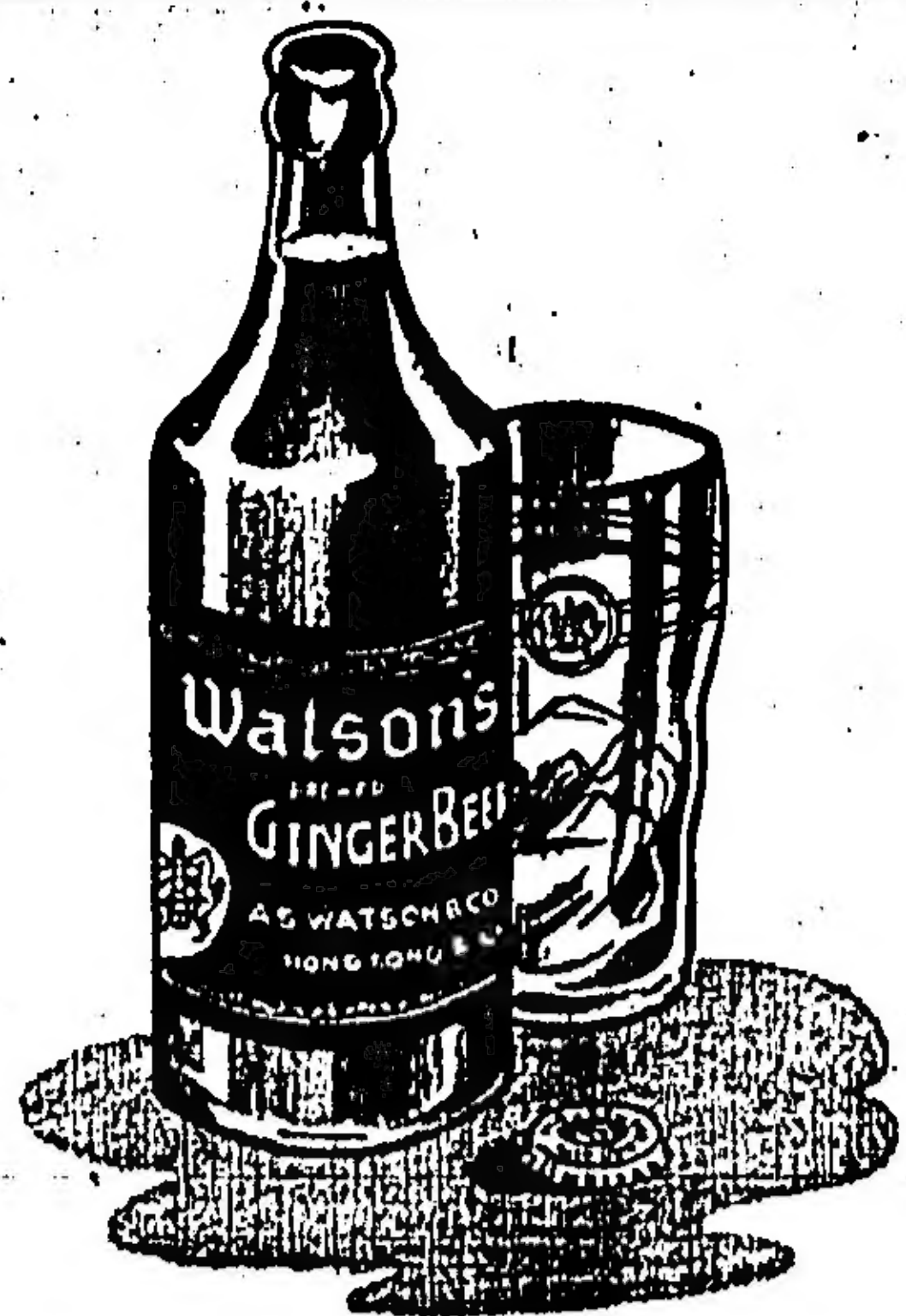
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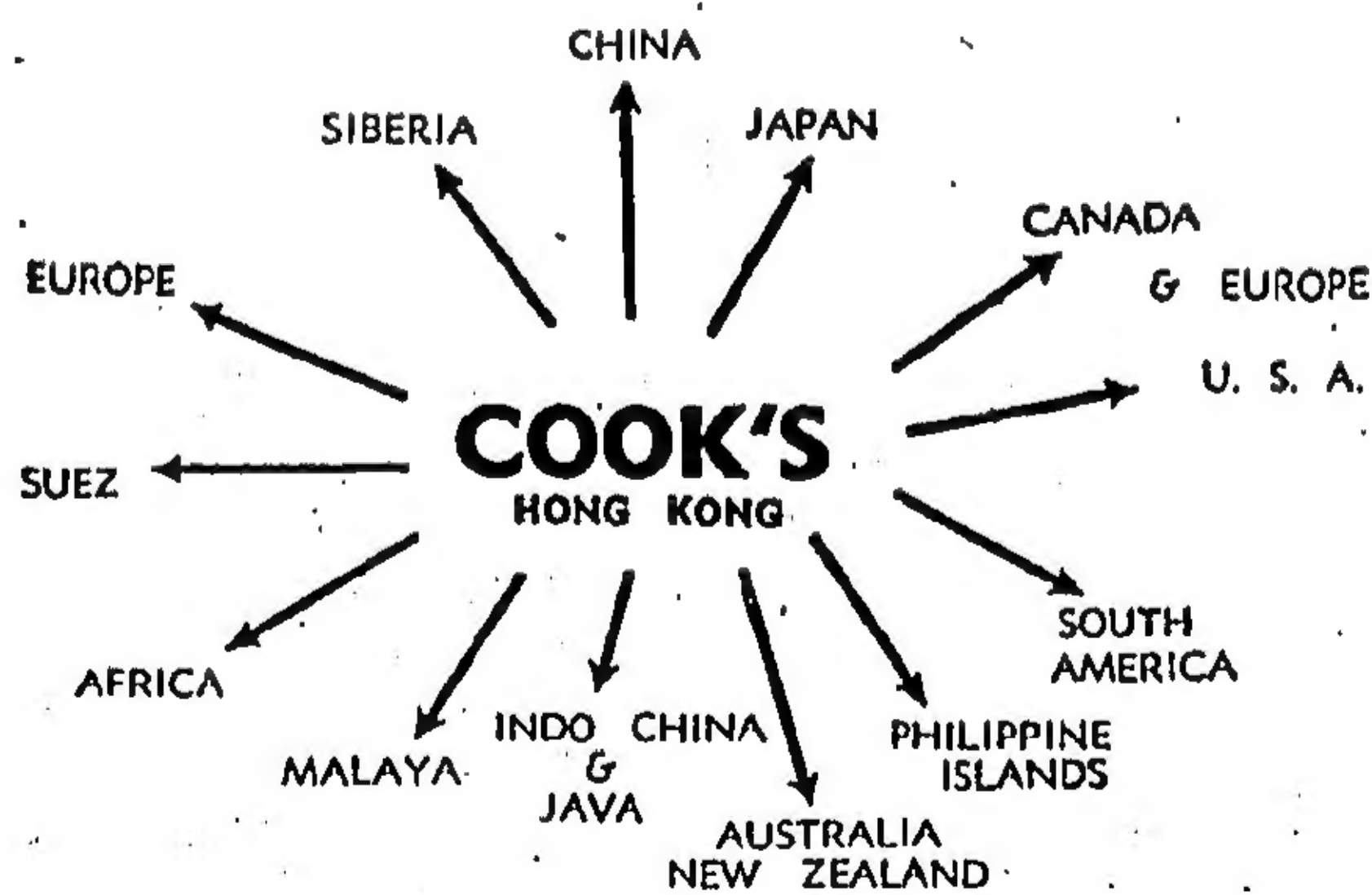
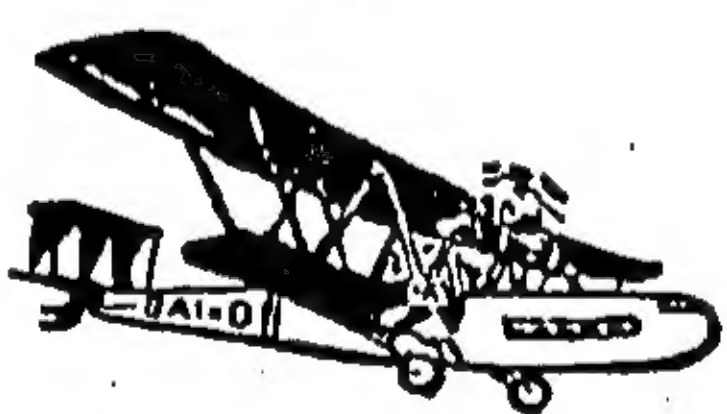
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IN SEARCH OF CULTURE

A committee consisting of Dr. G. A. C. Herklotz, Mr. W. Schofield and Mr. A. D. Brankston recently completed and tabled before the Legislative Council a most comprehensive report upon museum accommodation required in Hongkong, the nature of collections advisable, its organisation, site and so on. It was a very commendable piece of work, and the public, as well as the Government, is appreciative. But the report went a step beyond the museum project and spoke of "the need in the Colony for a cultural centre embracing a library, a museum and possibly an art gallery, and there are indications that such a proposal is at the moment being considered by the Government." It is the desirability of these other cultural amenities which should be stressed at this time.

It is with a feeling of some shame that Hongkong must admit, surely, the lack of a well-equipped public library. It is remarkable and regrettable that no Government controlled and operated modern lending library exists. True, there are volumes available at the old City Hall building. But there is nothing which would appeal to the popular taste. No doubt the books are valuable and useful in research, but this Colony sadly needs works which have a wider appeal, free to students and the average man and woman in search of knowledge or simply relaxation.

Even more important than an art gallery, it seems, and next in value to a library, is a large and well-equipped auditorium. There are plenty of examples of the successful development of the idea. Auditoriums in scores of British cities, particularly in Australia and Canada, built and supported by city governments and public subscription, have proved not only immensely valuable culturally but financially a sound investment. In the first place an auditorium in Hongkong, providing it is suitable in the matter of acoustics and equipment, would encourage amateur dramatic and musical talent, and might eventually be the means of swelling substantially the funds available for always

WHEN the bells of armistice rang out, they rang also the death knell of the great Austro-Hungarian Empire. More than 40,000,000 of its subjects were henceforth to dwell beneath other flags; and in a dismembered Austria, not much larger than half England, 6,500,000 people made a republic and began a new and troubled life.

That life entered abruptly on a new phase on Saturday.

No one of Austria's 19 years of independent life has passed without trouble. Years of poverty and deflation were inevitable in a country which can never have anything but an adverse trade balance. Almost one-third of the entire population lives in one city, Vienna; and Austria could only feed them and clothe them and make them happy if it had been allowed to sell its products freely to its neighbours—which it was not.

At one time it was kept alive by loans politely blackmailed from the Powers to whom its independence was of paramount importance in their scheme of European equilibrium. It was allowed to do nothing that might have proved to be its economic salvation; and in March, 1931, made desperate by a poverty

needy charities. There certainly should be no reason why it could not be made to pay for itself if the Government could not afford to support it, and if no public benefactors offered aid; for there are numerous organisations here which would take advantage of the inexpensive accommodation to be obtained.

It is possible, too, that the facilities of a spacious auditorium might encourage garrison bands, so many of which are of high quality, to appear more frequently before the public. There is no doubt that a weekly military band concert would be popular here during the winters. It is not too much to hope that an auditorium would eventually bring into being a civic orchestra of real merit. That is just another project worthy of the widest and warmest support.

It is a pity that Hongkong has earned the reputation of being culturally backward and artistically uninteresting. Perhaps it is that in the past the Colony could not afford such luxuries as books and good music. It is high time it did.



FALL and DECLINE of AUSTRIA

But if Dollfuss had triumphed, he was not for long to enjoy the strange fruits of his victory. Five months later the Nazis murdered him.

But, at the time, they did no more than that. The hoped for coup d'état failed: Austria was not yet ready for complete Nazi domination.

Dollfuss was succeeded not by Rintelen, the Nazi nominee, but by his second-in-command, Kurt von Schuschnigg, who remains Chancellor to this day. He lacks every attribute that ever made Dollfuss popular; but in his four and a half troubled years of office he has proved himself a match for all the internal efforts to unsettle him.

He got rid of the egregious Prince Starhemberg, his Vice-Chancellor and head of the Heimwehr, whom many people, at one time, supposed the real power in Austria; and he has never had trouble with the mischievous legitimist party who would put a Hapsburg back on a throne that no longer exists.

In July, 1936, Germany gave up attempting to bludgeon Austria into submission, and substituted the hypodermic syringe. Hitler made an agreement with Schuschnigg which was supposed to "normalise the relations between the two countries." It was agreed that Germany should recognise the full sovereignty of Austria; and that each Government should undertake not to interfere in the internal politics of the other. Austria undertook to "recognise herself as a German State" and so to frame her policy. That temporary truce came to a finish when Hitler sent for the Austrian Chancellor a month ago.

Exactly what happened at Berchtesgaden we do not know; but we do know that Hitler didn't argue, but commanded. Army and Air Force generals waited significantly in an adjoining room. The truce was over; the psychological moment had come; and the German dictator demanded that the keys of the citadel be handed over to him.

With Seyss-Inquart in virtual command of the police, with Nazis in the Cabinet, the game was up. It was only a question of time before the National-Socialist flag flew over the ancient and civilised city of Vienna which once held the Turks at bay and Seyss-Inquart replaced Schuschnigg as Chancellor.

And, as Dollfuss did, Schuschnigg turned his eyes south to Rome when the ultimatum came; but this time no help was forthcoming. The roles are now reversed. The Duce is no longer the power paramount.

Hitler has always had a genius for taking risks at the right moment.

"France and Britain did nothing when I went into the Rhineland," he is reported to have told Schuschnigg. "Do you think they will lift a finger to save you?" He has calculated well.

that was not slow to breed internal discontent, it suggested a customs union with Germany.

Under French leadership Europe objected, but took no step to help its trade in any way.

The world was in the throes of the economic crisis and the break came at the weakest point in the fabric. Fears for the solvency of the Credit Anstalt led to a flight of capital from Austria, and this great Central European bank collapsed. With its fall the panic spread and caught all Europe in its grip.

From that moment the pace quickened; and Austria's troubles, which, previously, had been more or less confined to economic questions, now swept into the political arena and engulfed it. Already town had been setting itself up against country; and the clouds of civil war began to gather in remote corners of the sky.

Vienna, and the towns generally, were Socialist and anti-Clerical; the countryside, envious of the urban standard of living, was Catholic and Conservative. So that the towns might retain their privileges, their Schutzbund was created, a private democratic militia, recruited from the ranks of Socialist workers and the intelligentsia. On the other side was the Heimwehr, built on Fascist lines and recruited from the peasants and land workers in the provinces.

There now emerged into political life and power the diminutive figure of Engelbert Dollfuss, who, by a series of political chances, found himself Prime Minister of Austria on May 20, 1932. From that date he remained in power until the Nazis murdered him on July 25, 1934.

Dollfuss has been the subject of more legends than any of the post-war dictators; more loved and more hated, perhaps, than any. He was a mass of contradictions: cunning and naïf, simple and shrewd.

He had not been in power a year when, as a consequence of the seizure of power by the Nazis in Germany and their attempts to extend their activities to the whole German-speaking world, he abolished parliamentary government and three days later set himself up as dictator with supreme powers.

How long he would have lasted had an attempt not been made on his life there is no knowing, but on October 8, 1938, a Nazi hit him with two bullets and failed to kill him; and from

that moment Dollfuss was a martyr, and as such someone to be cherished and given a popularity he would otherwise never have had.

In that same year Hitler had assumed power in Germany; and from that moment it did not really matter what independent Austria might do in an effort to maintain its status failing constructive help from outside or reasonable freedom to establish relations with Germany; it was doomed now to fall into the hands of the Third Reich on the latter's terms. In the beginning of "Mein Kampf," a book from whose stated doctrine Hitler has never deviated, the union of Germany and Austria is envisaged as one of the major necessities of the Nazi programme.

It is not necessary here to go into all the reasons why such a marriage is of paramount importance to Hitler's policy; it is enough to say that, with Austria remaining outside the fold, the Nazi dream of a Central and Eastern Europe trailing behind Germany as satellite States could never be realised.

Dollfuss himself was not slow to recognise this new menace; and he turned south for protection, and found it in the arms of Mussolini, who disliked them, the thought of a great German army on the Brenner Pass, ready, perhaps, to wrest from Italy the German-speaking territories which were annexed at Versailles in 1919.

In those days he was strong enough to offer protection. Germany was still comparatively weak; and Italian strength and resources had not been dissipated in two long and costly wars, one of which still rages.

For his protection, however, Mussolini demanded a price; and that price was the liquidation of the Austrian Socialist Party.

Dollfuss paid him in February, 1934, by turning his forces loose on the workers of Vienna and of the big provincial cities.

For four days the battle raged in the capital: for four days 5,000 ill-armed Schutzbundlers kept the forces of authority at bay. Their homes, the famous Karl Marx Hof and the Goethe Hof, were bombarded; all the magnificent work of the Socialist municipality crumbled away to dust; and with it went the last vestiges of liberty.

Resistance lingered in the provinces, for perhaps two days more; but that was all. When Otto Bauer, leader of the Socialists, fled abroad, the bloodshed came to an end.

Navy Starts "Death-or-Glory" Squadron

Britain's Miniature Battleships Can Fire at 40 Knots

By ANDREW KIDD

"MOSQUITO" speedboats, heavily armed with torpedoes, have been delivered to the British Navy.

They will revolutionise future warfare. The boats are called "mosquitoes" because they sting and fly away. Their badge is the Flying Scorpion.

Mr. Hubert Scott-Paine, holder of the salt-water speed record for single-engined boats, is the man behind the new speed-boat battleships.

Mr. Scott-Paine is employing 1,500 men at Southampton on the construction of these wonder boats that dart across the water at 45 miles an hour.

The Admiralty has just placed with his firm an order for nine motor torpedo boats, to bring the total up to 18.

EMPIRE NEWS

GANDHI AS LORD LOTHIAN'S HOST

Bombay.

The Marquess of Lothian, who was Chairman of the Indian Franchise Committee in 1932, is staying for three days with Mr. Gandhi at Shevgaon, Central Provinces. They had a private talk yesterday and to-day.

The conversations are regarded as important. Yesterday's talk lasted an hour. It provided a break in the hours devoted by Mr. Gandhi and his disciples to spinning khadder-homespun cloth.

Lord Lothian is living in mud hut adjoining Mr. Gandhi's hut, and eating the simple food of the settlement in the common dining-room.

Ceylon Mine Disaster.—Sixteen miners are believed to have been killed in a plumbago mine in the Kurunegala district of Ceylon. They were trapped by an influx of water from an old and disused working.—*Reuter.*

Burma

OILFIELDS STRIKE

Rangoon.

The strike of labourers employed by the Burma Oil Co.'s oilfields at Yenung-yang and Chauk has spread to the workmen of two other companies in the neighbourhood. Approximately 9,000 men are now on strike and the situation is reported to be growing serious.

Dr. Ba Maw, the Prime Minister, and Dr. Thein Maung, Minister of Commerce, are flying to Yenung-yang on Friday. It is understood, to discuss the situation with employers and employees.

South Africa

GOVERNMENT WAR ON TUBERCULOSIS

Cape Town.

The Government is making a national drive against tuberculosis. Grants will be made to poor patients before and after admission to hospitals, so that they need not work while unfit.

A survey of native rural territories will be made and a nutritional survey of children in various districts carried out. Later this year a national conference on tuberculosis will be held.

Physical Training.—The Union Cabinet to-day gave full approval to the scheme of national physical training drafted by Mr. Prow, Minister of Defence, and Mr. Hofmeyr, Minister of Social Welfare. It provides for physical training as a regular part of the school curriculum.—*Reuter.*

Cape Town Centenary.—A Centenary Celebrations Council, consisting of many prominent South African citizens, has been appointed to devise plans for celebrating the 100th birthday of the Cape Town municipality in October, 1940. The celebrations will last three months.

Australia

CYCLONE HAMPERS SHIPPING

Sydney.

A cyclone, accompanied by torrential rains, struck the south coast of Queensland and the north coast of New South Wales to-day. Serious floods are feared to be imminent, as some districts have had 11 in of rain in two days. The average rainfall for the whole year at Sydney is about 47 in, and at Brisbane about 34 in.

Eight vessels have had to put back to Brisbane, and air services between Sydney and Brisbane have been cancelled.

New Industries.—Much attention is being paid to the suggestion that the most practicable form of bringing out considerable numbers of emigrants from England is by trans-plantation of complete industries.

The suggestion is made by Major Bavin, member of the National Council of the Y.M.C.A., who is consulting with the Australian Government on migration. Sir George Broadbridge, Lord Mayor of London, 1936-7, who has arrived here for the 50th anniversary celebrations, says

All the speedboats turned out by his firm for the Government are designed by Mr. Scott-Paine himself.

Broad-shouldered, square-jawed, ginger-haired, and 45, he ran away from school at 14 to go to sea.

HOBBY—SPEEDBOATS

In an adventurous career he has been pioneer, aviator, and amateur boxer.

His hobby has always been speedboats. He challenged Gar Wood for the British International Motor-boat Trophy.

He failed. But his boats gave him ideas for a new naval weapon. "Six" of the motor torpedo-boats built by the British Power Boat Company now form part of the Mediterranean Fleet, an official of the firm told the *Sunday Chronicle*.

"These 1,500 h.p. mosquito boats are 60 feet long and have a speed of about 40 knots.

They will be able to engage warships at close quarters when destroyers would not be able to.

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They can stop dead, when at a speed of 40 knots, in 4½ seconds, turn at right angles in five seconds.

RAY READS EPIC AFTER 1,000 YEARS

Unread for 1,000 years until a few months ago, an eighth-century manuscript has yielded its secrets to ultra-violet ray photography.

On a screen at University College, Gower Street, were shown two photographs of the same passage in this manuscript, "Beowulf," earliest epic in the language and most precious of all relics of Old English.

The first, taken by an ordinary camera, was a dark piece of paper with undecipherable marks; the second, taken by ultra-violet rays, was a bright, clear piece of writing on chalk-white paper.

Among other things, it proves that Beowulf's funeral pyre was built beside the sea. The ultra-violet eye, piercing through blackened parchment, found the word "hoc," as in the Hoe of Plymouth, meaning a sea promontory.

CAR HEADLIGHT

Dr. A. H. Smith, of University College, first scholar in Britain to apply this process to the deciphering of manuscripts, is convinced that so much will be discovered that it will probably necessitate new transcriptions of all our ancient texts, from King Alfred's translation of Boethius to the "Canterbury Tales."

Dr. Smith has made all his own photographic apparatus. His ordinary lamp is a motor-car headlight and his violet ray lamp a street lamp of the high-pressure green type, which he got from the Office of Works for a few shillings.

At present he is working on the different kinds of strains found on manuscripts with a view to the use of a special colour filter for each kind.

Technical details of the process will be described for the first time in a lantern-slide lecture by Dr. Smith at University College.

Gretna Green Vows Held Valid

London.

A married man who went through a form of marriage at Gretna Green was found guilty of bigamy by an Old Bailey court and sentenced to nine months' imprisonment. It was ruled that the law clearly recognized the vows.

that he is convinced that more young emigrants must be brought out from England.

Refusal to Load Ship.—Sydney wharf labourers have refused to load the Japanese steamer, Melbourne Maru, 5,423 tons, bound for Japan with a cargo of lead and tin.

U.S. FIRST LADY



Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, wife of the President, waves to gay celebrants at one of the birthday balls held in Washington, in celebration of her husband's 50th anniversary. Crowds cheered her repeatedly as she made brief visits to many of the festive gatherings.

MAN FAKES FINGER-PRINTS IN COURT: ACQUITTED

London.

Finger-prints can be produced on an article which has not been touched by the fingers that made them.

The jury at Croydon Quarter Sessions yesterday saw it done. David Pearce (30), of Southsea Road, Croydon, accused of breaking into a lawn tennis club pavilion, suggested that a finger-print found on a bottle and identified as his had been put there by someone else.

He demonstrated how they could be produced to order. He produced a small mirror and a pad of plastic substance.

He pressed the pad against a prison officer's finger, then against the mirror. A print appeared on the mirror.

"That," said Pearce, "is a finger-print of this officer—and his finger has not touched the mirror."

He added that he had placed the mixture on a glove and, by shaking hands, secured the prints of a man without his knowledge.

He claimed that a person with criminal intentions could obtain finger-prints and put them on a safe or bottle at a "job" where the police could find them.

Detective-Sergeant Livings said any print made as described by Pearce would immediately be detected by an expert. The police made tests which would reveal forged prints.

The jury decided that there was not sufficient evidence to convict. Pearce was discharged.

THE NEW PARIS SILHOUETTE FASHIONS DEMAND A PERFECT FIGURE

By Jane Gordon

Paris. The new Paris fashions appear natural and easy to wear, but if there is any figure fault to hide the new silhouette will show it.

Interest is no longer concentrated on the shoulders. The new clothes stress the natural lines of the figure. Both day and evening dresses have a low, tightly fitted hip line. Belts are a little higher, or a little lower in different collections, but it makes no difference, because the fitted waist line is exposed in either case. Day skirts are shorter, flatter hats show more hair and face, and the transparent afternoon suits, require dressy slips underneath them.

Even the knitted tailored suits, which are becoming more popular, are deceptive. They look as if they are made of light, white tweeds and men's suitings, but actually they are knitted, or crocheted, in woollen yarns. Some of the newest suits of this kind appear to be severely tailored in navy and white chalk-striped suitings, kasha or thin tweeds.

THE NEW COLOURS

New colours include a pale beige-green shade, Ophele-mauve, and a blue, called seaweed. A great deal of yellow, rather a deep golden shade, and light golden brown, are also popular.

When a light-coloured suit is shown, it is always with a bright plaid, or deep-coloured skirt, usually of surah, or heavy crepe. Amusing novelties are three square violet leather buttons in the shape of book volumes, marked 1, 2 and 3. The buckle of the belt looks like the back of a book embossed with gold.

A foulard scarf, worn with a dark dress, is patterned with white horse shoes.

Man, 77, Sheds 20 Years

Calcutta.

"Amazing progress" is reported to have been made by 77-year-old Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya, former Indian Congress President, who is undergoing rejuvenation treatment near Allahabad.

Although the treatment has been in process for only half the allotted period of 42 days, the Pandit has lost his wrinkles and is able to read without spectacles by the light of a wick-lamp.

It appears likely that he will grow a new set of teeth.

Tapasi Ji, the sadhu who is directing the treatment, declares that when it is completed, the Pandit will look 20 years younger and his white hair will turn black.

Malaviya is kept in a specially constructed chamber which has no light.

PARIS ADOPTS THE "DISNEY" HAT

NEW FASHION NOVELTIES

By Jane Gordon

Paris. Although the new Paris fashions are conservative with materials, the world-famous fashion houses are producing many amusing novelties. These include large flat handbags, one in beige-coloured suede, with six inside compartments of navy blue satin.

The bag is attached to a long gold chain, which is fastened round the belt of the dress. Another bag of this kind is in red leather and one also in white leather, lined with red. Jackets of tailored suits have large leather rings. Three white rings of this sort are placed down each side of a brown and red checked jacket. White suede gloves have messages written on the backs in red and black handwriting.

In every collection the tailored shirt blouse is popular. It may be of white crepe de Chine, white tucked organdie or linen, plaid surah or silk.

Two new hats include a little slate blue felt bowler, tied with a veil, and a bunch of cornflowers at the back, and a white hat with red cockatomb of a Walt Disney description.

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H.K.T. 12.00-12.20 p.m. Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Rato da Costa (Piano). "Four Aces" Suite (Billy Mayerl); (1) Ace of Clubs; (2) Ace of Diamonds; (3) Ace of Hearts; (4) Ace of Spades.

12.42 De Groot and His Orchestra. "Le Millions D'Arcueil" (Drigo); Old Spanish Song (Louis Aubert); The Temple Bells (Amy Woodforde-Finden); Fantasia On Scottish Airs (Arr. Mulder).

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Walter Glynn (Tenor) and Light Orchestra.

For You Only—Serenade (Boulanger); Let Us Dream—Serenade (Carl Robert); George Boulanger and His Orchestra; I'll Walk Beside You (Lockton—Alan Murray); The Valley Where Wishes Come True (Earley—Elliott); Walter Glynn; Fairy—Wood Parade—Intermezzo (P. W. Wood); Neapolitan Serenade (Gerhard Winkler); Joe Bund and His Orchestra; Old Rustic Bridge By The Mill (Skelly); Walter Glynn; Granada (Albeniz); Cordoba (Albeniz); Orquesta Odeon conducted by Mitro. Godes.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 Rotary Tiffin Speech relayed from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel. Speaker: C. Champkin, Esq. Subject: "Gilded Constables."

2.15 Close Down.

6.00-7.00 Chinese Programme.

7.00 Dance Music. Dance Orchestra—Goona Goona—Fox-Trot (Young-Rieser-Albert) Big Chief "Swing It"—Fox-Trot (Film: "The Joy Parade")... Nat Gonella and His Georgians; Piano Solo—Wabash Blues—Quickstep (Meliken)—Rosetta—Slow—Fox-Trot (Hines)—Rodeo—Gerry Moore, (Piano) with String, Bass and Drums; Dance Orchestra—Cocktail Swing—Fox-Trot (Fryman-Fugler-Donrads); Blues In My Heart—Fox-Trot (Carter-Mills)... Nat Gonella and His Georgians; Dance Orchestra—I'm Gettin' Sentimental Over You—Swing Step (Washington-Bassman); Shy—Quickstep (Strauss-Dale); Victory Silverstar and His Ballroom Orchestra.

7.25 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.30 London Relay—Round Hyde Park.

A talk by E. L. Turnbull.

7.45 Concert Waltzes.

Carmen Sylva (Yanovick); "Eva" (From Operetta "Eva"—Lehar, arr. Schell); International Concert Orchestra; Songe D'Automne (Joyce) After The Ball (Harris)... Orchestra Mascotte.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.05 Studio—Old English Music and Elizabethan Love Songs by Eva Turner (Soprano), Lehar, arr. Schell); International Concert Orchestra; Songe D'Automne (Joyce) After The Ball (Harris)... Orchestra Mascotte.

1. A Trumpet Voluntary (Purcell—arr. Sir H. J. Wood)... Sir Hamilton Hartly conducting the Halle Orchestra, (Trumpet Solo: Alex. Harris—Organist: Harold Dawber); 2. (1) Sweetest Kate (Robert Jones 1899); (2) What If I Speede (Robert Jones 1899); (3) Falce, Sweete, Cruel (Thos. Ford 1607); (4) When Laura Smiles (Phillip Roessler 1601).... Eva Turner;

3. Piano Solo—Lindsay A. Lafford; 4. It Was A Lover And His Lass (Shakespeare and Morley—arr. J. F. Bridge); Where The Bee Sucks (Shakespeare and Arne—arr. Shaw); Come Let Us Join The Roundelay (Wm. Beale)... The E. B. C. Wireless Singers, cond. by Stanford Robinson; 5. (1) Woeful Heart (John Dowland 1600); (2) Flow Not So Fast Ye Fountains (John Dowland 1603); (3) Shall I Sue (John Dowland 1600); 6. Piano Solo—Lindsay A. Lafford; 7. Air And Hornpipe (H. Purcell, arr. R. Teyell); Flute Solo by Edith Periville (Roland Revell at the Piano); 8. (1) Shaded With Olive Trees (Thos. Greaves 1604); (2) I Heard Of Late (John Bartlet 1600); (3) What Thing Is Love (John Bartlet 1600).... Eva Turner.

8.45 Dennis Noble (Baritone). Passing By (Herrick and Purcell); The Gentle Maiden Words, Eng. Ver. Doublton; Music, arr. Somervell); The Devout Lover (Pollock and White). Compositions of Quiller and Eric Coates.

Children's Overture (Quiller).... New Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by Dr. Malcolm Sargent; Sunset Afternoon—Idyll... Coates and Symphony Orchestra; Alfred You Singing (Coates)... Alfred Pleacaver Tenor; Springtime Suite "Fresh Morning" (Pastorale); "Noon-day Song" (Romance); "Dance In The Twilight" (Valse); For Your Delight (Serenade)... Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by Eric Coates.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Gilbert and Sullivan Excerpts. "The Pirates of Penzance" Now For The Pirates' Lair; When You Had Left Our Pirate Fold... Derek Oldham, Peter Dawson and Dorothy Gill; Away, Away! My Heart's On Fire... Dorothy Gill, Derek Oldham and Peter Dawson; All Is Prepared Stay, Fredric; Black and White in the Mission By The Sea (Hills-De Rose).

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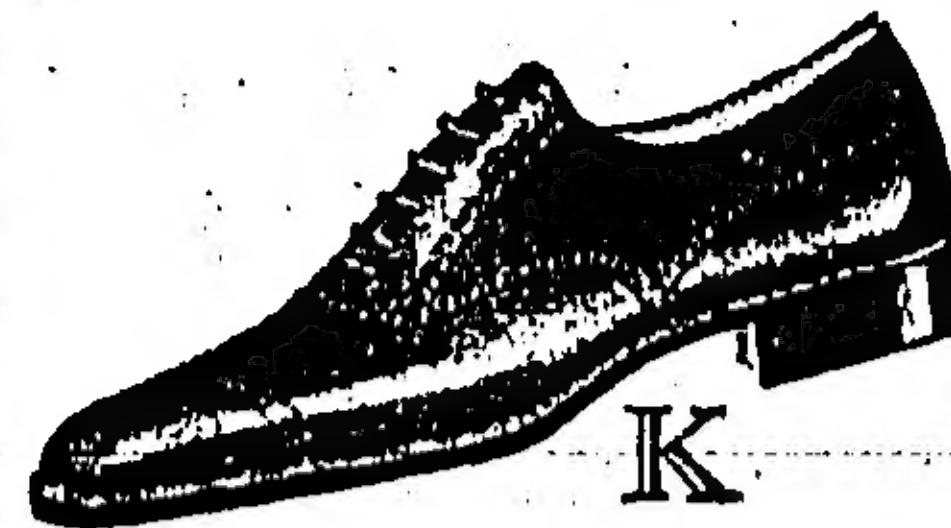
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Me Not To Pinel... Elsie Griffin and Derek Oldham; No, I Am Brave!... Elsie Griffin, Leo Sheffield and His Orchestra; Male Chorus; When A Felon's Not Engaged... Leo Sheffield and Male Chorus.

10.05 Variety and Dance Programme. Dance Orchestra—Silver Sails On Moonlit Waters—Slow Fox-Trot After All These Years—Slow Fox-Trot... Jack Wilson and His Versatile Five; Piano Solo—A Foggy Day (From "Damsel In Distress"); By The Sweat Of Your Brow (Mack-Reddle-Blake)... Leslie Hutchinson; Dance Orchestra—Roses In December—Slow Fox-Trot (Film: "Life of the Party"); Put Me Behind Bars—Fox-Trot (Hamona, Kennedy and Carr)... Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orpheans with vocal chorus; Piano Solo—Waltz Medley Fox-Trot Medley... Billy Thorburn (with drums); Vocal—The Czarevitch—Opereita In Brief (Lehar-Jenbach-Reichert)... Herbert E. Groh (Tenor); Treat—Rudolph (Soprano); with Chorus and Orchestra; Foot—In The Mission By The Sea (Hills-De Rose).

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ARMY PLAYERS DEFEATED IN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

CHINESE SCORE VICTORIES IN OPEN DOUBLES

H. D. RUMJAHN THROUGH IN STRAIGHT SETS

(By "Abe")

Of the six matches down for decision in the Colony Tennis Championships at the Hongkong C. C. yesterday, only four were played. Once again, the standard was disappointing; but one has got used to this by now, and it will probably take quarter-final matches to produce anything like good tennis.

Neither of the two singles was specially interesting. H. D. Rumjahn, the present champion, got through as expected at the expense of S. A. Hussain. Play in the opening games was chiefly featured by the stout resistance put up by the entrant from the Kowloon Indian T.C., but he quickly fizzled out and Rumjahn, without unduly exerting himself, won in straight sets.

In the only other singles tie, between two club-mates, T. A. Pearce and T. C. Monaghan, it was a case of the "fitter man wins." The two contestants were fairly well-matched, but Pearce's youth and fitness gave him a definite superiority which was emphasized in the final set when he won without any struggle at all. Monaghan's good fight in the second set took too much out of him and he was a tired man at the finish.

AGE AGAINST YOUTH

Two Army officers, Major L. A. Newnham and Major F. T. Baines, tried to overcome the handicap of age against youth when they met Paul Kong and Lee Wal-long, but they failed, though not before putting up a gallant fight. Had their strokes been backed up by a little more stinging, victory for Newnham and Baines would have been very likely in view of the poor form shown by the Chinese pair, who had earned a high opinion in their previous match. But though they knew where to put the ball, Newnham and Baines seldom could convert their shots into outright winners; more often than not, Kong and Lee were able to retrieve them.

Another asset which the Chinese combination had was Kong's service which pulled them out of many a tight corner. On occasions Kong was very severe and scored many aces in the course of the match, but in the other phases of the game, he was not so reliable, his volleying and smashing failing to come up to scratch. Lee made fewer mistakes, but this was due in part to the fact that he seldom attempted anything brilliant. Actually the Army officers had a lead of 4-1 in the first set, but Kong came to the rescue in the next game by winning his service. After allowing their opponents to "draw level," Newnham and Baines went ahead again, only to lose the next three games. A little more steadiness at this stage probably would have given them the set. Inasmuch as Kong and Lee were definitely shaky.

The second stanza was a ding-dong affair. Once more Newnham and Baines led at a vital stage, 6-5, but failed to press home their advantage and the Chinese pair won out at 8-6. The form shown by Kong and Lee was far from convincing.

SECOND CHINESE SUCCESS

Another Chinese success over the Army was scored when F. H. Kwok and S. W. Liang, both of the Kowloon Indian T.C., defeated the Army pair, L. J. C. Loch and J. M. Tomlinson in straight sets. By maintaining a steady standard of play, Kwok and

Liang found their task made easy by the errors of their opponents. Tomlinson revealed a good volley, but Loch's netplay failed badly on several occasions. The Chinese pair kept to the base-line and were very safe in their ground strokes.

Scores: Singles—H. D. Rumjahn beat S. A. Hussain, 6-3, 6-2; T. A. Pearce beat T. C. Monaghan, 6-3, 5-7, 6-0.

Doubles—F. H. Kwok and S. W. Liang beat J. L. C. Loch and J. M. Tomlinson, 6-4, 6-3; Paul Kong and Lee Wal-long beat L. A. Newnham and F. T. Baines, 7-5, 8-6.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

Singles—S. A. Rumjahn v. W. A. Land; Wong Shiu-wing v. R. H. Rump; E. C. Fincher v. A. Crawford. Doubles—A. V. Gosano and A. V. Remedios v. H. A. Barros and J. Goncalves.

Club handicap singles—D. S. Robb v. A. D. Humphreys; A. T. Dow v. H. D. Bidwell; W. Sander v. A. H. McBride.

Club handicap doubles—J. Rodger and C. W. E. Bishop v. Nicholson and Harvey; H. J. Armstrong and M. H. Turner v. G. W. Sewell and T. C. Monaghan.

BOXER PLEADS GAMING ACT

And Gains Judgment

London, Feb. 17. Nel Tarleton, former British featherweight boxing champion, pleaded the Gaming Act, at Liverpool Assizes yesterday, and gained judgment on an £887 betting claim against him.

The claim, brought by Stafford and Company, of Liverpool, concerned bets at last year's Ascot races.

Mr. Leo Gradwell, for the bookmakers, said that Tarleton's defence consisted of two paragraphs: First, Tarleton denied that any account was stated to him; and, second, he pleaded the Gaming Act.

"Those who instruct me," continued Mr. Gradwell, "say they cannot believe that such a plan will be persisted in by one who is so well-known in sporting circles."

"Tarleton wrote, 'I would esteem it a favour if you could leave my account over for the time being. Having purchased a business recently, I am a little short.'"

Mr. Gerton Gorman, for Tarleton, submitted that Tarleton, as a champion, was possibly a good prey for bookmakers.

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BRADDOCK QUITS RING—James J. Braddock, New Jersey longshoreman whose rise to heavyweight boxing champion, before his defeat by Louis, made dramatic ring history, has announced he is retiring as a fighter, to become a boxing manager. He is shown, left, at a New York gymnasium with Jack Dempsey, right, and their respective proteges, Bob Tow and Red Burman.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HOCKEY TRIAL

Sir,—It is pretty long that the Hockey Representatives for various countries have been selected to raise representative sides for the forthcoming International Hockey Tournament, and since then majority of the prospective participants either have selected their teams and are practicing, or are in the process of doing so by way of holding trials.

It is rather surprising to note that the Indian Hockey Representative is scrupulously keeping quiet and do not seem to have moved into the matter, so much so that not even a single practice game has been arranged so far, nor the names of the players are announced.

As the Tournament is drawing closer something must be done in the way of forming a Selection Committee and holding a trial or arranging a practice match or two in order to facilitate the selection of the team.

Will the Indian Hockey Representative do something to keep up the honour and tradition of India in the world of Sports and act before it is too late?

AN INDIAN HOCKEY LOVER.
(India's team has already been chosen. It is announced elsewhere in this issue.—Sports Editor.)

Kent Desire Batsmen To Attack

Kent County Cricket Club committee are constructive in their criticism of the team's play during the 1937 season.

Praise is given for the brightest August Kent cricket for years, but reference is made to the unusual number of missed catches, to the absence of "backing up" in the field, and risky habit of stopping the ball with the feet.

Emphasis is given to the value of attacking methods by batsmen and asks players not to overdo back play.

Deficit on the year was £1,818, against £1,849 in 1936. Ames's benefit realised £1,107. Total attendances increased by 7,000, but scale of admission was lower.



King Gustaf of Sweden, in spite of his 80 years, is still a very keen tennis player. Here he is seen with Karl Schröder, the prominent Swedish player.

Cricket Notes

By "R. Abbit"

Navy Juniors Congratulated On Fine Feat Win Shield With Close Victory Over Varsity

My heartiest congratulations to the Navy second eleven and to their indefatigable Secretary, Lt. Commdr. D'Arcy Evans. Speaking subject to correction, it is the first time the Navy have ever won the Junior Division Shield and that they should do so when so many ships have been absent for the greater part of the season reflects great credit on their players.

It occurs to me that possibly the lack of personnel has, by narrowing the field from which players can be chosen, been somewhat of a blessing in disguise as it has tended to produce a more regular eleven than has been available in recent years. The secret of their success I fancy, is the fact that they had—most of the time anyway—three quite good bowlers. Church and Jeffery have been most useful and besides his batting Huttley can bowl very successfully on occasions. The batting has been rather weak but as a rule there has been at least one man to get runs and they all could hang on. Their closest call was against Craigengower when they had very much the worst of a draw up at King's Park—staving off defeat by one wicket if my memory serves me.

THE DEFEAT OF CRAIGENGOWER

The defeat of the Craigengower second eleven was somewhat of a surprise to me as I had rather expected a draw. It was rather an "if" match, however. Divett who, according to the score sheet, went in number ten had top score except for extras, with 19, but there were five other double figure scores for the Club. Craigengower could only manage four altogether and they were beaten. I don't quite know why it was said to be by 15 runs. The published scores are 123 for the Club and 105 for Craigengower. They add up correctly in any case and the difference is 18 runs! It is interesting to note that the difference in extras scored accounts for 16 of them.

A CLOSE FINISH

Turning to the details of the game in which the Navy beat the Varsity, it is surprising how small the scores were and what a close thing in the end it turned out to be. With only 100 to get Tsui and Fong failed to make their accustomed first wicket stand and 9 wickets were down for 100 when C. H. Teoh was joined by Singh. The latter played excellently. I am told, and the score mounted steadily to 100 when Church got one past Teoh. It was a gallant finish.

Turning back to the Senior Division of the League there is not very much to be said about the match between the Hongkong Cricket Club and Craigengower. However, but for a very fine innings of 88 by Owen Hughes there might have been a very different story! As the two opening Club batsmen failed, as usual, Bill Morris bowled very steadily and took 8 for 62 while Zimmerman had 8 for 48. Craigengower had just a hundred runs in the first 10 overs, 100 means an impossible task for the small ground, especially at the Club's home.

WONG AND HUI TO CLASH IN FINAL MATCH

THRILLING BADMINTON SEEN LAST EVENING

As a result of the semi-final matches played last evening on the Tai Koo R.C. court, P. H. Wong (holder) will meet P. K. Hui in the final of the Colony Singles Badminton Championship next week.

While Wong won his match in two straight games, Hui at one time was in danger of defeat but a fine recovery when all seemed lost saw him through against C. Au, of the Chinese Y.M.C.A.

Playing against a club-mate, S. Y. Hon, the champion started off very shakily and made an unusual number of mistakes. Thanks mainly to Wong's errors, Hon ran off to a lead of 6-1, but thereafter Wong steadied down considerably and was never troubled again.

Obviously outclassed, Hon nevertheless gave a plucky display and put up a better fight than the scores of 15-8, 15-5 would suggest.

THRILLING STRUGGLE

It was the second match of the evening, however, which provided the thrills. Hui was so in form in the first set and the beginning of the second game that a walk-over for Au appeared likely. After winning the first game at 15-5, Au started the second as if he meant to make short work of the University stalwart. Up to this stage, Hui had not shown a single glimpse of his true standard, but he galvanized into sudden action from this point and the remainder of this game was memorable for the

shall be very interested to hear when this forthcoming game will take place. Quite frankly I do not see anything but a draw if it is a half day game.

A SPIRITED MATCH

It was just like the luck of the Civil Service that the Army, after having turned out a shadow side against Craigengower the week before, put out an uncommonly good one, especially as far as batting is concerned, on Saturday last. Hatfield was a notable absentee and I understand he has damaged his knee. The Civil Service batted first and Perry and Baker both came off with the bat scoring between them 83 runs out of a total of 150 at which score they declared with 8 wickets down. I notice that there were 32 extras which seems pretty heavy.

To add to the bad luck of the Civil Service they were without McEllian, who had some school sports on and could not play. It was extremely odd that as it reduced their bowling for all practicable purposes to Baker and Perry and undoubtedly they lost the match for this reason. Weedon and Beadnell started the trouble and then Godby, who is making a lot of runs just now, hit up 55 before being caught at the wicket. They just managed to get the run before time.

Although the Civil Service have actually only scored 4 points they have really had a much more successful season than the figures would show. They have suffered in two things, one is that they have only three bowlers and the other is that none of their last four or five batsmen can be relied upon to make a single run. This does somewhat complicate the position. However, I understand that a great effort will be made to make use of all available talent next year. It is a pity that all Civil Servants do not play for the team. The Civil Service had also the further bad luck of losing Griffiths' services for the second half of this season. If he ever settles down and plays steadily through all the matches I feel sure that he will get a lot of runs.

THE RECREIO WIN

For some reason or other although the Navy did not seem to have such a bad side, they completely went to bits in their first league encounter with Recreio on the Navy ground. It was a low scoring match. Both E. L. Gosano and W. A. Reed were out early to Chalcraft who bowled uncommonly well all through and took 5 wickets for 27 runs. The only man to do any good at all was E. M. L. Soares who carried his bat from second wicket through the innings for 53. Set with only 118 runs to get to win the Navy never looked like doing it. Wilson, who I believe played for Harrow, didn't get going and Nave was the only man to make double figures on the side. While Nave had one of his few failures. The Navy wind up at the bottom of the table but they have not had anything like a fair chance this year, and it was very sporting of them to continue to play under such difficulties. They lost one match less than the Civil Service but they drew two more and had no victory.

OTHER GAMES

Space does not permit the discussion of other games now, but I shall have to refer to other second league games, and a couple of Sunday matches, in my article next Friday. I shall, I shall hope to know, something about the decision by the players' committee to object to the



P. H. Wong, last year's champion, has reached the final again. He now meets P. K. Hui of the University.

bitterness of the struggle. Down 5-10, Hui drew level and finally had four set points before he annexed it. He was made to fight every inch of the way.

There was no stopping Hui then. Playing with a new-found confidence, it was he who dictated terms in the deciding game. On the other hand, Au appeared disheartened by this sudden change in the fortunes of the match and was not able to withstand the undergraduate's onslaught. Compared with the excitement of the second game, the third was an anti-climax. Hui led 10-1 at one stage and went out at 15-5.

Scores: P. H. Wong beat S. Y. Hon 15-8; 15-5; P. K. Hui beat C. Au 15-5; 15-13; 15-5.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE'S JUBILEE

Effort To Raise Fund Of £100,000

Full details of the Football League scheme to raise a £100,000 Jubilee Fund will soon be circulated to clubs. Mr. C. E. Sutcliffe, president of the League, said a few days ago that the scheme had so far received no financial backing.

"We have received nothing," stated Mr. Sutcliffe, "and we do not expect to until details are made known. We have to evolve a scheme to raise £100,000 by the end of the next season, not in ten years' time."

In connection with this scheme it has already been decided to play a full League programme of matches before next season opens.

The whole of the receipts from these matches, which will not necessarily be between clubs in the same division of the League, will go to swell the fund.

Player-Writer Golf Problem Discussed

A proposal to define professionalism in different terms from the R. and A. Club was heavily defeated (the voting was 30 for and 551 against) at the annual meeting of the Ladies' Golf Union in London recently.

The motion, proposed by Surrey and seconded by Kent, sought to exclude players who gave instruction in the game by writing from the professional ban.

Miss Doris Clark, chairman of the executive council, pointed out that the R. and A. had under review the whole question of amateur status and if the delegates adopted the resolution the break with the R. and A. would create a dreadful position.

Mr. Norman Boase, chairman of the Rules of Golf Committee and a vice-president of the Ladies' Golf Union, said that the R. and A. had written to clubs in all parts of the world for their views, and he did not think it possible to get all the replies until next autumn.

PONY AUCTION POSTPONED

The public sale of race ponies, originally arranged to take place at the Hongkong Jockey Club paddock at Happy Valley at 2 p.m. to-day has been postponed to next week.

SPORT ADVTs.

THE HONG KONG
JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Second Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 26th March, 1938, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 17th March, 1938.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Bradman Is Weary Of Big Cricket

HE PREFERS DAY AT GOLF

From WILLIAM POLLOCK

There are about six and a half million people in Australia—which is about twenty-five times the size of Great Britain—and much the best-known person is Don Bradman.

Only the babies in Australia have never heard of him; and in England for every one who has heard of Joe Lyons (the Prime Minister), Bob Menzies (the Attorney-General), Kidman the late "Cattle King" and Sister Kenny, fifty thousand have heard of Bradman. Such is cricket fame.

I would say that, in his thirtieth year, he finds himself the most widely known cricketer in history: more widely known than were W.G., Ranji, Jack Hobbs, Larwood. And probably he is the biggest gate attraction the game has ever had.

In Australia, people come in their thousands when it is likely that he will be batting, and go in their thousands if he gets out. Which is all wrong, of course. The game should be bigger than the player—but there it is.

Donald George Bradman is a freak. Just as he taught himself to play the piano, so did he teach himself to play cricket—not very correctly and with a cross bat, according to some of the purists; he holds the record for the highest score ever made in an England versus Australia Test match (334, at Leeds, in 1930); and he has already made more runs in inter-State cricket in Australia than any other batsman, including Clem Hill.

A LITTLE MAN

I have heard him called a little man with a big head. He is certainly a little man, the small member of a family in which father, brother and two sisters are all big and tall. His hands are small, his feet slim and slender. Like nearly all of us, Don feels a bit of a grudge against nature: he would like to be bigger than he is. You know how it is: brunettes wish they were blondes, people with blue eyes wish they had brown eyes. (Don is a blue-eyed blond.)

But he has not a "big" head. Circumstances have conspired for me to come to know him well. He is not at all swelled-headed. On the contrary, he has almost a horror of saying or doing anything that might lead people to say that he is conceited or putting on side. Any one who says that Bradman is "cocky" obviously does not know him.

On the other hand, he does not pose by pretending to deprecate himself. He accepts the position he has achieved just as any particular tree should accept it. He is remarkably free from affectation. Does he like being the world's greatest batsman? Out of the many talks we have had together, sitting in his book-lined, rather businesslike private room after dinner, I feel he is becoming a little weary. What more can he do in the game? He may break another record or two, but that prospect does not greatly please him. He may win Tests more or less off his own bat, but he has done that before.

HIS HARDEST TASK

The truth is partly that the novelty has worn off big cricket for him, partly that he dare not "let up". Unless he goes in and makes a century, we are inclined to say he has "failed". And you can't always go in and make a century. It is the old, old story; the hardest part is staying there when you have got there. It is more difficult to keep a position than to get one.

My own belief is that Don will not stay in first-class cricket very many more years. He will "lose it" and amuse himself with golf. He is not exactly a crack golfer, which is, perhaps, why he likes the game so much. Not a very great deal is expected from him on the links; consequently he can relax and have fun at the game. He loves those Saturdays on which there is no cricket to be played, rubs his hands over them, "A day off to-morrow—no cricket," he several times gleefully said to me on Fridays.

The thing that most interests Don Bradman in life is work . . . business. He was in a real estate office when he was sixteen then in sports goods salesmanship and journalism (he writes well and with some adroitness), and now he deals in stocks and shares.

He is methodical, he has a mind for figures, he is keen on making money. He may never be a very rich man, but I feel sure he will never be a very poor one. His head is screwed on the right way. He is a clever little devil—and I mean that affectionately. I like him.

He is very determined—and unswervingly straightforward. Gubby Allen once said to me when we were discussing something about the last series of tests, "Don has given me his word and that is good enough for me. Once he says a thing he sticks to it." That is my experience of him too; his word is his bond.

My feeling about him is that he would never let you down, even at personal cost to himself, which is a big thing to say about any one. Yes, you know where you stand with Don—he may take time to make up his mind—but once he has decided—

when he has you can depend upon him.

A CHANGED MAN

Another side of him which is admirable is his reluctance to run down other people. He and I have discussed—heavens! how we have discussed—hundreds of cricketers and men connected with cricket and I do not think I can recall anything unfair from him. When he is being critical he tries to find the best, not the worst.

Probably it is the philosophic side of him that accounts for this; he knows that no one is always the master and that, sooner or later, a new prophet comes along.

My impression is that, in various ways, he is a changed man. He has grown up; his hair is beginning to thin, lines of character have furrowed into his face, his cricket seems to have become matured.

It has been my good fortune to watch Don play a number of innings this just ending Australian season. And he is different; he has not been the masterful dasher, the electric slayer of bowlers of once upon a time. He has not been taking bowlers by the scruff of the neck and demolishing them and breaking their hearts, but taking them gently (for him) wearing them down. I don't profess to know if this is a temporary phase of a batsman who has found that his timing has been a bit out of gear. Certainly he has not been playing the strokes that he used to play; he has been batting when I have seen him, as a man whose chief idea was to get a good practice in the middle.

HEAVEN HELP US

The question (to which I do not know the answer) now is, how is he going to bat in England? Are we going to have the young Bradman of 1930 and 1934, giving bowling hell for leather, or are we going to have a sort of middle-aged Bradman, cutting out most of the rough stuff?

If like Walter Hammond, he has "grown up" in Test matches, England's rather slender chances will be helped; if he is only saving up and is going to lay about him as of old, heaven help England. Woodfull, his ex-captain, has often said to me that Bradman in real form is the equal of two batsmen—and so he literally is with his two hundreds and three hundreds. We shall see what we shall see. Meanwhile, I am glad that I have got to know him so well as I have. He is a rather misunderstood person, perhaps because he is not easy to know.

HOLD IN ONE

R. L. Rodgers' Feat At Happy Valley

R. L. Rodgers gained the distinction of having holed out in one while playing the third hole at Happy Valley on Sunday. The distance was 150 yards.

The Bogey (Par) Pool at Fanling played over the week-end was won by E. C. Manton (1), one up. A. C. I. Bowker (11), all square was second. Other scores were: G. R. Cairns (12) and L. C. F. Bellamy (24), one down. There were 43 entries.

Playing in the March Qualifying round for the Adamson Cup at Happy Valley, E. Buckle qualified with 79-19-61. Other scores were: J. F. G. van Reece 87-21-66 and W. Melrose 92-23-59. There were 14 entries.

BOWLS AND SKITTLES

Scheme To Encourage Games Locally

Though a popular sport in many other parts of the world, bowling has not been encouraged in Hongkong due to lack of facilities. There is at present only one alley in existence locally and that is in the Hongkong Club, but a new alley at the junction of Lockhart and Jaffe Roads, it is anticipated, will soon be in use.

The scheme was formulated several weeks ago, and following the selection of a site, building commenced and is near completion. Application has been made to the Government for a Publican's Licence, and if granted, a week or so should see the opening of the alley.

Pictures goers will no doubt remember the several short sports reels which were shown some time ago in which American experts demonstrated the skill which the game can engender. In England there are several Skittles Leagues offering proof of the game's popularity there.

Teams are composed of eight players, scoring being determined by the number of skittles one knocks down with three bowls. The bowl is not to be confused with that used in Lawn Bowls. The latter is comparatively small and is biased, whereas the skittles bowl is two or three times bigger. There are, however, numerous variations of the game, but the one which appears the most popular is that as played in America.

The number of skittles is ten. Early in the nineteenth century the game was called "nine pins", but on account of the excessive betting which was connected with it, it was prohibited. The ordinance was navigated by the addition of another pin and altering the name to "ten pins", which game is played to-day.

TOURNAMENT HOCKEY

Representative Players For England And India

The first round hockey match in the United Clubs' International Tournament between England and India will be played on the Police ground, at 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 17. The following teams have been selected:

England.—Dobson (R.E.); Stickley (Middlesex) and Robinson (Royal Air Force); Whetton (R.E.); Brown (Police) and Guest (Radio Sports Club); S. Fowler (Central British Association), Howlett (Police), G. Fowler (C.B.A.), Dunne (Middlesex) and Bond (C.B.A.). Reserves, Gorman (Middlesex), Smith (C.B.A.) and Parker (Police).

India.—Ramzan (Kowloon Indian T.C.); Rtn. Gusan Singh (Kumaons) and Hav. Tilok Singh (Kumaons); Tara Singh (H.K.S.R.A.), Gulam Rasul (Rajputana Rifles) and Malik (K.I.T.C.); Teja Singh (Police), Britam Nath (Rajputana Rifles), Piyas Singh (K.I.T.C.), Gurnam Singh (Radio) and Parbat (Kumaons). Reserves, Naraina Ram (Rajputana Rifles) and Hav. Khuda Bux (H.K.S.R.A.).

England will wear white shirts, and India red.

OLYMPIC GAMES

China To Nominate Second Member For Committee

Cairo, Mar. 13. The International Olympic Congress passed a resolution to-day allowing the Olympic winter games to be allotted to a country other than that which is holding the summer games in 1940.—Reuter.

Chinese Delegate

Luxor, Mar. 13. It has been unanimously voted to permit China a second nomination for membership of the International Olympic Committee. Although it is likely that China will nominate Kang, it is not likely that he will arrive in time to oppose the holding of the Games in Tokyo.—United Press.

MORE LEAGUE SOCCER GAMES WANTED HERE

Referees' Chairman On Old Point

That more league matches and fewer representative games should be played was the opinion expressed by Mr. G. Stokes, Chairman of the Football Referees' Association, when he presided at the annual dinner last night.

Among the guests were Mr. C. D. Carter, Secretary of the Football Association and Leo Wal-tong.

Mr. Stokes said, proposing a toast to the Football Association:

The season is almost over and I congratulate you for the manner in which you have controlled games. The small number of misconduct cases handled by the Emergency Committee must be considered a reflection on your efficiency. On the other hand, I sympathize with you for the small number of matches you have had. There is no doubt that with the curtailment of the number of teams a certain amount of interest has been lost. Not only referees are complaining, but players and spectators too.

I am of the opinion and it is shared by many, that footballers and referees should have more league matches and fewer representative games. Enthusiasts want a game every week and there is no reason why this cannot be arranged, even if at the expense of representative matches.

To the Football Association, we owe a deep debt of gratitude for their action in placing their offices at our disposal for our bi-monthly meetings. I express our thanks and appreciation and assure it of our support and co-operation.

In returning the toast, Mr. Carter mentioned the excellent support that the Association had received from the referees.

LOCAL YACHTING

Gull And Eryl Win Their Races

Gull and Eryl took leading places in the second series of the eighth Indles' races sailed by the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club yesterday, over a course of 8.7 miles. "A" class started at 14.45 and mixed classes at 14.50.

"A" Class		Finished	Corrd.	Pos.	Pts.
Carpenter	(Mrs. P. R. Richards)	10.45.25	10.45.25	6	7
Artemis	(Miss M. Whitlam)	16.43.33	16.43.33	4	9
Eve	(Mrs. Bader)	16.44.23	16.44.23	5	8
Gull	(Mrs. L. Stanton)	15.39.19	15.39.19	1	13
Kitilwike	(Miss P. M. King)	16.41.13	16.41.13	2	11
Jean	(Mrs. V. Gowlind)	16.43.30	16.43.30	3	10
Teal	(Miss V. A. Buckley)	16.55.20	16.55.20	7	6
True Blue	(D.N.F.)				

Mixed Classes		Finished	Corrd.	Pos.	Pts.
Eryl	(Miss O. Patchett)	16.45.43	16.45.43	1	10
Heron	(Mrs. D. Priestley)	16.51.34	16.51.34	5	5
Widgeon	(Miss Crawhall Wilson)	16.49.50	16.49.50	3	7
Sirius	(Mrs. K. Trenchard Davis)	16.51.22	16.47.01	2	8
Zephyr	(Mrs. J. O. Pattullo)	16.50.37	16.49.53 1/2	4	6

SCHOOLS MATCH

D.B.S. Beat St. Stephen's Seven Sets To Two

Registering their first tennis victory since 1928, the Diocesan Boys' School beat St. Stephen's College seven sets to two on Saturday. The match was not as one-sided as the scores indicate. All matches were strenuously fought and it was just that slight superiority which enabled the Diocesan School to win deciding points.

Results.—Ip Yee and Ip Lai (D.B.S.) beat S. L. Yung and K. L. Koh 6-2; beat K. S. Toh and K. C. Lung 6-2; drew with K. Wong and K. Tan 6-4. M. Suiy and Nui Bai-tun beat Yung and Koh 6-1; beat Toh and Lung 6-3; beat Wong and Tam 6-2.

D. Gray and D. Lyon lost to Yung and Koh 2-6; drew with Toh and Lung 6-6; beat Wong and Tam 6-4.

WEMBLEY RETAINS THE CUP FINAL

Will Eventually Hold A Crowd of 170,000

For the next twenty-six years the F.A. Cup Finals and international matches between England and Scotland are to be played at Wembley Stadium.

This decision, reached at a meeting of the Council of the Football Association in London on Feb. 14, is a definite step towards meeting the public demand for more accommodation at these matches.

It is understood that the first portion of the work to be taken in hand is the provision of 38,000 new places on the terraces. This work, which is estimated to cost about £70,000, will be begun at once, and is to be finished in time for next year's Cup final.

This would increase the accommodation to something like 130,000 but the ultimate aim is to provide places for 160,000 or 170,000 spectators. The complete scheme provides for the extension of both the big stands, if experience reveals that it is desirable.

It should be understood that this part of the proposal is left open, but it will be proceeded with if the demands of the public warrant the expenditure of further money.

The question has been raised whether Wembley should provide the necessary capital, as they are prepared to do, or whether the F.A., with their great wealth and prestige, should do it themselves.

CLUBS GET £5,000 EACH

In any event, and whether the scheme is carried out in its entirety or not, repayment of capital and interest will be made from the extra receipts resulting from increased accommodation.

This means that the clubs taking part in the Cup Final will not receive more than the present £5,000 each until the capital expenditure has been repaid.

For years there has been a demand for something to be done to enable at least a percentage of the scores of thousands to see the Cup Final who in the past fifteen years have not had the remotest chance of getting a ticket.

After the Final of 1923, when thousands smashed down the barriers at the Stadium and invaded the pitch, it was decided there should not be any more payments at the turnstiles.

The number of places was reduced from 126,000 to 93,000, a drastic step which effectively prevented any recurrence of the scene when the game between Bolton Wanderers and West Ham United was played with onlookers encroaching on the touch lines.

WHITE CITY'S SCHEME

The Football Association Council were at length goaded into action. At the summer meeting at Yorkmouth last year the Finance Committee was instructed to examine the various schemes that had been suggested and report.

A lot of expatriation work was done, and when it was understood that it was merely a question of setting terms with Wembley a new consideration arose.

Brigadier-General A. C. Critchley offered, on behalf of the White City authorities, to provide a home for

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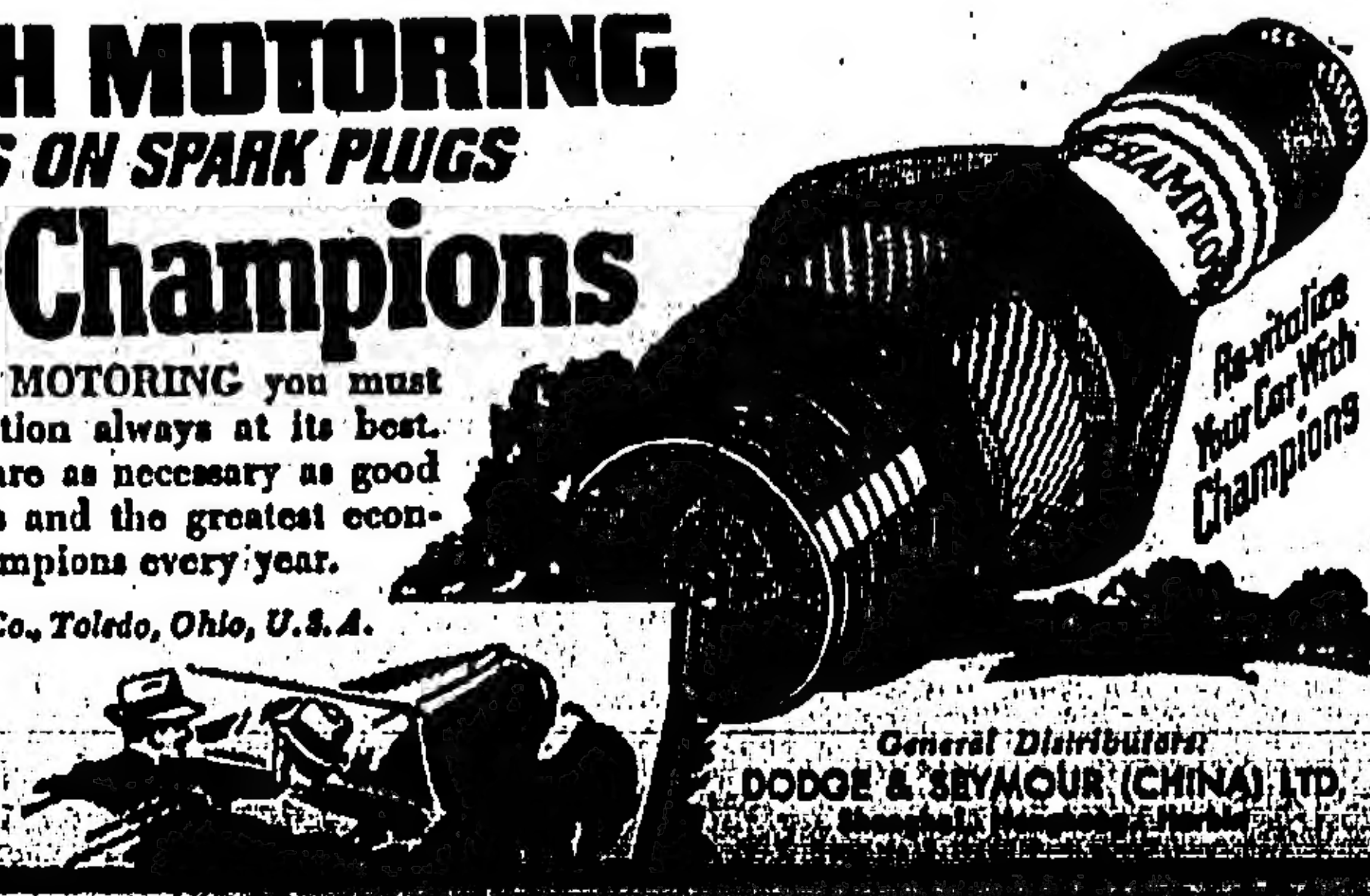
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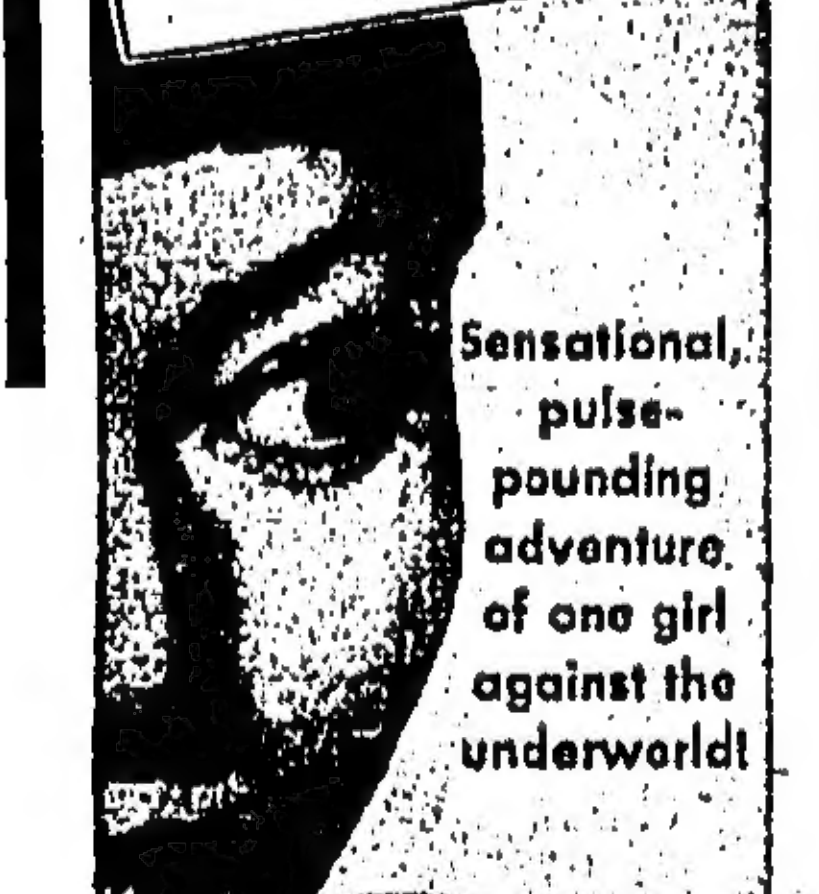


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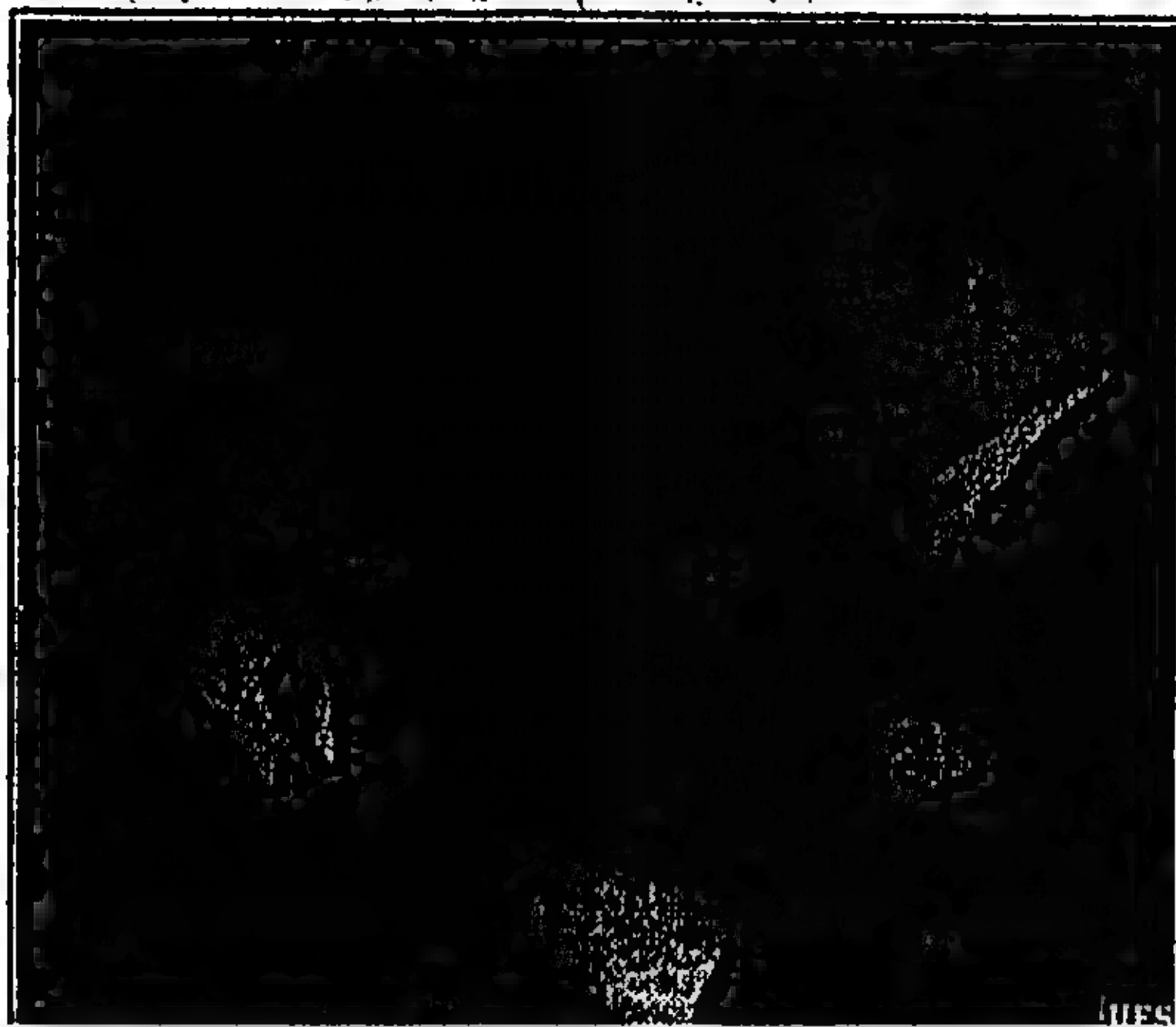
WAR STUDY—Little Italian schoolboys in Rome learn at first hand about tanks, as two army officers bring a tank to their school for a lecture demonstration. Many Italian youngsters 6 years or over, are fostered in the military organization. Sons of the Wolf. From 8 to 14 they become members of the Balilla.



DICTIONARY—Dr. Walther Funk, whom Chancellor Hitler has named economic dictator of Germany in the shake-up of Nazi officials. He will assist Field Marshal Hermann Goering in reorganizing German industry.



ON 184-MILE RACE—Their sails billowing in a brisk wind, 13 trim yachts left Miami, Fla., in the fifth annual Miami to Nassau race of 184 miles. Above is San Cristobal II, 51-foot schooner, owned by J. Wesley Pope of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., well up among the leaders at the start of the race. The yachts lined up evenly as they set out for the Bahaman capital.



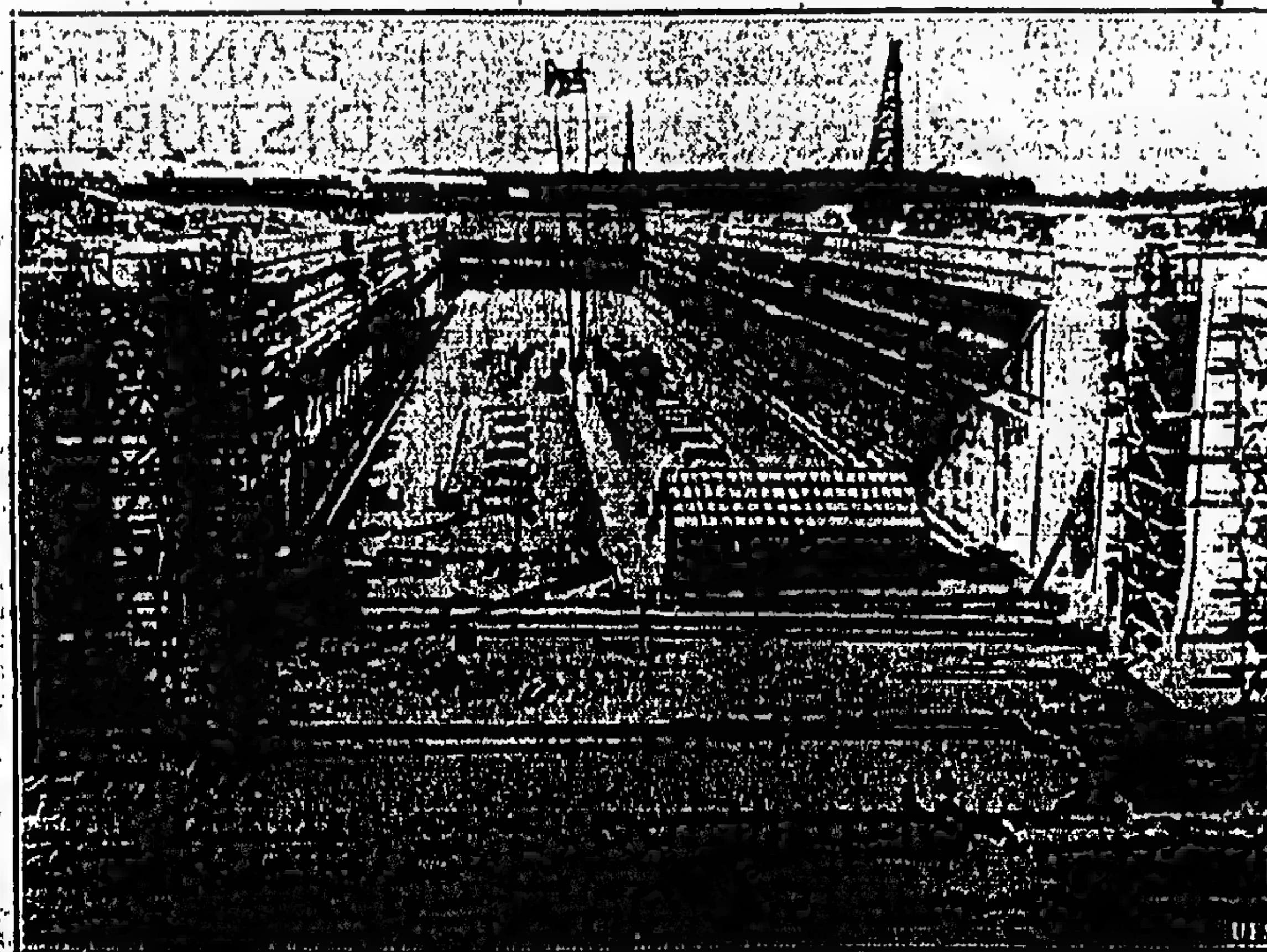
ANGLO-FRENCH HUDDLE—Returning from a meeting of the League of Nations Council in Geneva, British ex-Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, right, told Commons in London that swift retaliation would follow any more Spanish Rebel attacks on British ships. Commons cheered. Above, Mr. Eden is shown chattering with French Foreign Minister Yvon Delbos between sessions in Geneva.



PLANS GERMANY'S FUTURE—Der Fuehrer, above, photographed as he was preparing, at his personal retreat in Berchtesgaden, the speech that informed the Reichstag on Feb. 20, of future plans for Germany.



SEARCH IN THE HOLY LAND—Determined to stamp out terrorism in Palestine between Jews and Arabs, British police search wayfarers for arms. Above, a lorry is halted outside Jerusalem by a British soldier, right, and native police with leveled rifles. This incident took place a few days after three Arabs were hanged, two for murder of a Jew.



NEW DOCK—Part of Great Britain's new defense in the Far East is this new graving dock recently built at the naval base at Singapore, opened on Feb. 14 by Sir Shenton Thomas, Governor of the Straits Settlements. Three United States cruisers were present.

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9 Painter and politician, take part in a swindle (4).

10 This would make a nice scone (10).

11 The sea's farewell to the retiring sailor? (4).

12 Grass would sound simpler (10).

17 May be a charming interval of rest (9).

20 This fellow wrote poetry (4).

21 As worn only by the very best people (4).

23 Open part of 22 down (5).

24 No epithet for a mild request (10).

30 Rough (4).

31 One of the ups and downs, like 11 across (10).

32 Knights of old showed the inclination to do this (4).

39 On this the first six letters are wound (10).

DOWN

1 Part of your car (5).

2 Cook ought to break it gently (8).

3 A good place to stop at (6).

4 Amused to the boulder (6).

5 Is much the same opening as the first, four letters, but has state in it (6).

6 Many a man has slipped up on the outside of this (6).

7 A conquis (6).

13 Don't (6).

Yesterday's Solution

1 MARMOT
2 SHAG
3 PARADISE
4 INSULT
5 OASIS
6 DESERT
7 REGISTER
8 AMIENS
9 THE HIGHLANDS
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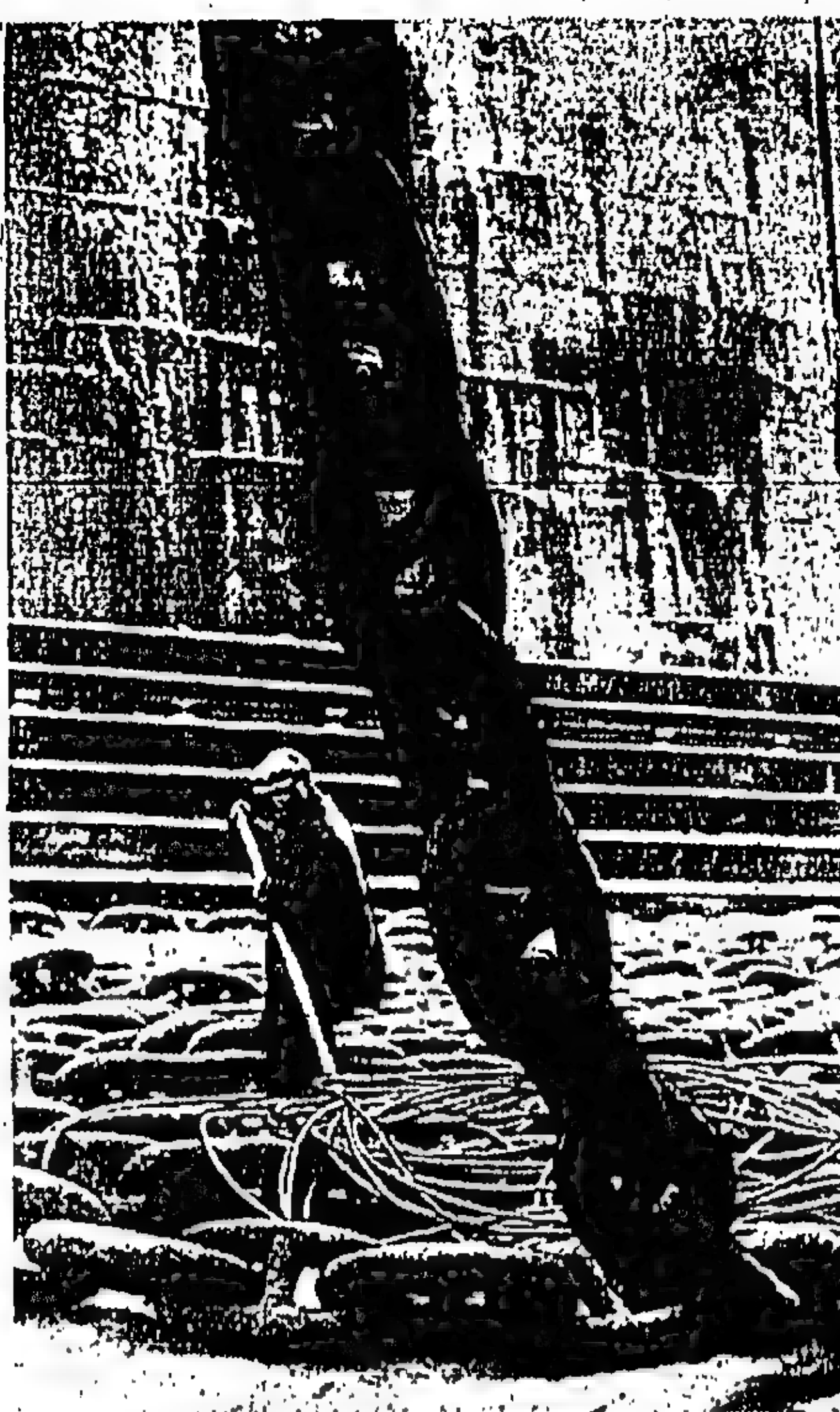
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Secret Shell For Air Defence

Wells-Next-Sea, Norfolk.

BRITAIN is adopting new methods of training for air defence.

General Sir Edmund Ironside, G.O.C. Eastern Command, disclosed this when he presided at a meeting here recently, arranged by the War Office, to hear arguments against its plan for an anti-aircraft practice range and training camp on the coast between Wells Harbour and Blakeney Point.

He said: "We have arrived at a stage when the mere towing of an aeroplane target has become too slow.

"We cannot get sleeves that are towed faster than 120 m.p.h., so we have invented something in the 'clay pigeon' style. I will not go further into it than that. It would not be wise for me to do so.

"We have got to picture aeroplanes diving in at 300 miles an hour, flanking out, dropping their bombs, and flashing away again."

Although, he added, the practice guns would be fired out to sea they would have to be placed far enough inland to permit of the recovery of the "clay pigeons," which were rather expensive.

Nobody in Danger
Describing the new anti-aircraft shells that were to be used at the range, he pointed out that they disintegrated in the air and nobody would be in danger of getting hit by falling fragments.

Nobody left the crowded little church hall in which the meeting was held when General Ironside said at the outset: "If any foreigner is here, he must leave the room. I shall say things, perhaps, which one would not like to get into the ears of foreigners."

General Ironside complained that wherever he went to set up training ranges he was "warned off."

"There is," he said, "not one inch of land on the coast from Chichester up to the north of Lincolnshire where I have not been told 'you can't come here.' In fact, a great many people have practically said 'get to hell out of here.'"

He ended with the comment: "As a

very old soldier, I say this to you: We are in a most critical position. I will not say more than that."

R.A. SIGN PETITION
The War Office's plan was opposed by fishermen, the National Trust (which owns an adjacent bird sanctuary), the Council for the Preservation of Rural England, St. Michael's Amalgamated, Ltd., and other champions of natural beauty and Norfolk industries.

The site lies in the centre of land bought by beauty lovers to preserve it for all time.

Counsel asserted that the mussel, cockle, and edible seaweed-gathering industries would be affected, that visitors would be scared away from the locality, and that the flora and fauna would suffer.

Sturdy fishermen in blue jerseys heard General Ironside say that the War Office had no intention of interfering with their livelihood.

PASSPORT SAVES HIM

EX-PRIVATE DAVID ROBB, of Glasgow, twenty-two-year-old "veteran" of the Spanish war, is back in London haunted by the memory of seeing twenty-two fellow-Scotsmen being taken away to be machine-gunned by Moors.

He told me his story last night. His voice trembled as he spoke. This is his three-part story. "Passport to Life" is the title I should give it, says Noel Monks in the Daily Express.

PART ONE

The scene is the Teruel front: the time Christmas Eve. MEN of the International Brigade, about to counter-attack, are signing forms that make them Spanish citizens.

A company of twenty-nine young Scots are given forms. Seven refuse to sign. Spanish officers shrug their shoulders. It is not important—to them.

The battle begins. It is snowing. Somehow the company of Scots have been cut off from the remainder of the brigade. Several of them are wounded.

Suddenly Private David Robb calls out: "Look out, mates, we're surrounded."

In the snow the company of Scots have blundered into a whole brigade of Moors.

The Scots surrender. Behind Franco's lines; it is Christmas Day.

PART TWO

THE twenty-nine Scots are in prison. The seven who are still British are partitioned off from their comrades.

For their Christmas dinner all are given a chunk of dry bread and a pitcher of water.

PART THREE

London yesterday.

EX-PRIVATE DAVID ROBB speaking: "My poor mates. You see, we refused to give up our passports. My mates who became Spanish citizens handed in theirs and were given Spanish identification cards."

"We seven were taken to Salamanca. We were treated very well. Then were brought to Hendaye and given our tickets to Paris."

"I wouldn't sign away my nationality for anything. That's why I'm alive to-day."

"I have had enough of war—forever. I was a fool. So is every foreigner who fights in Spain—on either side."

STOP PRESS NEWS

STRIVE FOR SETTLEMENT AT DOCKYARD

The Talkoo Dockyard and Engineering Company officially announced this morning that Chinese workmen had definitely refused to go to work in the Asama Maru, recently refloated after being wrecked in the typhoon of September 2. The company hopes to localise the strike, and to effect an early settlement, however.

There is no excitement at the yards.

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NAZIS IMPRISON AUSTRIAN OPPONENTS

VIRTUAL "PURGE" OF ENEMIES STARTED AS VIENNA HAILS HITLER

Jewish Populace Clamouring For Visas to Escape into Poland

Vienna, March 14.

While thousands celebrated Herr Adolf Hitler's arrival, a virtual "purge" continued in the Austrian capital. According to the newspaper, *Telegraf*, the authorities have gaoled the anti-Nazi Peasant Party leader, Joseph Reither. They also arrested, but preferred no charges against him, Dr. Heinrich Neumann, the ear specialist who attended the Duke of Windsor recently.

It is understood that Archduke Otto's Austrian representative, Baron Wiesner, has been taken into "protective" custody, but officials denied that the Monarchist leader, Baron Karl von Werkmann had been shot or had attempted suicide.

It was announced that schools would remain closed until further notice.

Nazis seized a large Jewish cafe and announced that henceforth it would be an Aryan establishment.

There were wild scenes at the Polish Legation where hundreds, mostly Jews, clamoured for passport visas.

A radio announcement to-day said that Austrian legionnaires who fled to Germany, after assassination of Dr. Engelbert Dolfuss, could return only when they proved they have guaranteed means of existence in Austria. The announcement also said that the authorities will issue special instructions for Storm Troopers and members of the Hitler Youth organisation.

Frenzied Welcome To Hitler

Vienna, Mar. 14.
Herr Adolf Hitler, German Chancellor, arrived in Vienna at 5.15 p.m. in a military automobile, and 500,000 people gave him a tremendous acclaim like the beating of surf. To the sound of the greatest ovation in his career, Herr Hitler drove to the Imperial Hotel, and then announced that he would not speak.

However, the crowd refused to disperse and finally the Fuehrer made a broadcast speech in which he said: "Whatever happens, this German Reich will never again fall asunder. Nobody can force it from its road. No threat of misery and no violence can ever cause this oath to be broken. We are now 74,000,000 with one Reich, and nobody can turn us from our way."

"It is a big historical turn which has come to our German nation." Earlier in the day, on the balcony of the Imperial Hotel, he reviewed Austro-German troops, while the broadcast commentator sobbing with emotion said: "The Fuehrer is with us." Daring spectators climbed lamp-posts, and fainted and hung on trees, all crying "We want to see the Fuehrer."

Ecstatic Speech

Vienna, Mar. 14.
Garrisons at Linz, Innsbruck and other towns, paraded to-day and took the oath of allegiance to Herr Hitler who arrived in Vienna just before 5 o'clock. The Cardinal Archbishop of Vienna ordered the ringing of all church bells, while over 1,000,000 people lined the streets.

URGES U.S. TO STAY IN PHILIPPINES

Independence Might Mean Racial Extinction

McNutt Seems To Have Ear Of Government

Washington, Mar. 14.
Mr. Paul McNutt, United States Commissioner to the Philippines, in a nation-wide broadcast to-night advocated an indefinite continuation of United States sovereignty in the Philippines, while granting all possible autonomy and "the best trade deal possible."

The National Broadcasting Company estimated that Mr. McNutt had an audience of 10,000,000 in the United States, in addition to the whole of Manila.

Mr. McNutt said that to withdraw from the Philippines would mean the "loss of our voice in Oriental diplomacy. So long as our flag is there the Philippines will be the cornerstone of peaceful reconstruction in the Far East."

61 Cases Of Smallpox In One Day

The present cold weather has seen another rise in the incidence of small-pox in the Colony, no fewer than 61 cases being reported to the local medical authorities for the 24 hours ending at midnight yesterday. This is the highest number of cases in a single day since March 7, when the same number was reported. Of the 61 cases, 34 were from Victoria and 24 from the mainland. Shaokwan had three. Total cases since January 1 now have reached 1,350. Deaths exceed 800.

U.S. NAVY BILL IS CRITICISED

Heated Debate In The House

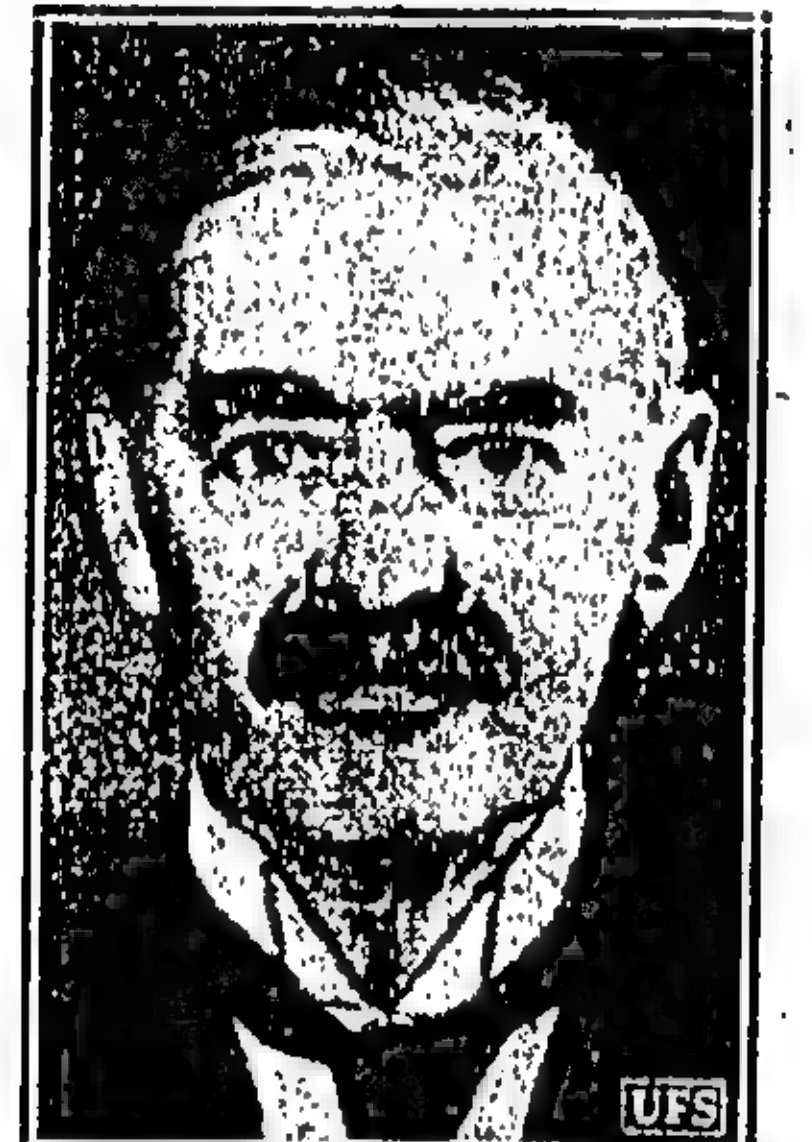
Washington, Mar. 14.
During the House of Representatives debate to-day, Mr. George Holden Tinkham charged that the naval expansion "War Bill" was contemplated as parallel action to Britain's defence programme. He read a United Press interview from London quoting Mr. Winston Churchill as having told Parliament that Britain had "excellent arrangements with the United States," and this was apparently referring to Mr. Carl Vinson's references to Mr. Cordell Hull's foreign policy statement.

Said Representative Tinkham: "How can it possibly be said that no arrangement was made by this country?" He said that if any members of the Government were such arrangers, "they are traitors to the United States and to his country."

Mr. Carl Vinson of the Navy Department countered Mr. Tinkham's statement saying that Mr. Tinkham lacked any evidence for his suggestions. Earlier, Mr. Vinson had said that the fleet would be used to "quarantine the United States from the disease of war" after which he quoted the *Chicago Tribune* and said: "Those who seek to distort this example forget my very next sentence which was: 'My determination is to pursue a policy of peace and to

Prepares Britain For Europe Crisis

WARNS BRITAIN TO PREPARE FOR EMERGENCY



MR. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN

British Prime Minister, has warned Britain that she must reconsider her arms investment and has asked for full national unity on any course the Government decides must be followed.

CANTON HEAVILY BOMBED

Heavy Casualties At Military Academy Feared

Raiders Out Of Sight During Afternoon Raid

Canton, Mar. 15.
The environs of Canton suffered their severest bombing for some weeks when this morning Japanese planes, flying so high that they were invisible, dropped 80 huge bombs on the Tienho aerodrome, the industrial suburb of Saichuen, and the residential area of Tungshan.

The planes concentrated on the airport where there are many new army trucks from Hongkong at the junction of the Canton-Hankow and Canton-Kowloon railways. The planes were met by wild anti-aircraft gunfire.

The military school near the aerodrome was hit eight or nine times, and the casualties are reported to be very heavy. Several bombs fell within 100 yards of the Seventh Day Adventist Mission, which is headed by Dr. F. E. Bates of Los Angeles.

CANTON EXCITED BY AIR RAID

Canton, Mar. 15.
There was mild excitement in Canton at noon to-day when eight Japanese planes crossed the countryside north of the city, possibly en route to the Canton-Hankow railway.

At present it is difficult to ascertain whether bombs were dropped on the airfield or other nearby points, but anti-aircraft guns opened up on (Continued on Page 5.)

ADVOCATES PART-TIME MILITARY TRAINING

London, Mar. 14.
The Duchess of Atholl in the House of Commons to-day proposed that "some form of part-time training for military service" should be instituted for men of military age.

adopt every practicable measure to avoid involvement in war." He drew attention to Britain's territorial possessions and investments in China and the former Anglo-Japanese alliance, and said: "We may soon witness history repeating itself, all of which should drive home the absolute necessity of a strong navy." (Times Press.)

CHAMBERLAIN DELIVERS HIS WARNING

Germany's Actions Condemned

GOVERNMENT NOW MAY SPEED RE-ARMAMENT

The methods adopted by Germany and Austrian Nazis in forcing the Vienna Government out of office and seizing power in Austria called for the severest condemnation, declared Mr. Neville Chamberlain, British Prime Minister, at a momentous session of the House of Commons to-day.

After discussing the developments which led up to the *Coup d'etat* in Vienna and the crossing of the frontier by the German Army, Mr. Chamberlain declared that events in Austria "cannot be regarded by the Government with indifference and equanimity. They are bound to have an effect that cannot be measured."

"We must consider the new situation clearly, but with cool judgment and in the confidence that we shall be supported in asking that none, whatever his particular preconceived notions be, shall regard himself as excluded from any extension of national efforts that may be called for."

Mr. Chamberlain called for the fullest support of the nation in whatever the Government undertook and conveyed a warning that re-armament progress would have to be revised in the light of European developments.

AIR RAID DEFENCE WORKERS REQUIRED

London, Mar. 14.
In an appeal for 1,000,000 voluntary air-raid precaution workers in a broadcast to-night, Sir Samuel Hoare, Home Secretary, said that a programme was arranged some weeks ago, but what had happened in Central Europe should add a very sharp point to his words of warning and appeal.

The Prime Minister's remark in the House of Commons that nobody should regard himself excluded from any extension of national effort, was construed in some quarters as indicating the possibility of some kind of universal national service. It is learned, however, that there will be no conscription, either military or industrial. It is intended to appeal to employers and the employed to combine in an intensive national effort to speed up re-armament.

It is understood that the budget will not be affected to any substantial degree.—*Reuter Special.*

Anglo-Irish Talks End In Deadlock

London, Mar. 14.
It was learnt to-night that the Anglo-Irish talks had ended in a deadlock. There is a possibility that they may be revived later in the year.

One valuable result, however, is the great improvement in the relations between the Ministers of both countries.—*Reuter.*

WILL DEFEND CZECHO-SLOVAKIA



M. LEON BLUM
French Prime Minister, who has pledged France to defend Czechoslovakia if that power is attacked.

FRANCE PLEDGED TO FIGHT

Will Aid Czecho-Slovakia In Event Of Attack

Paris, Mar. 14.
A French pledge to protect Czecho-Slovakian independence was given to-day to the Czecho-Slovak Minister by M. Leon Blum, French Prime Minister and M. Paul Boncour, Minister for Foreign Affairs. M. Charles Corbin, French Ambassador to London was also instructed to inform the British Government of this pledge.

It is understood in French political circles that the pledge means France intends to take immediate action in the event of any German threat to Czecho-Slovakia, without waiting to consult Britain.

It is thought that this might mean France would order mobilisation if (Continued on Page 5.)

Italy Keeps Close Grip Of Her Gold

Rome, Mar. 15.
The final meeting of the Fascist Grand Council dealt with a statement by the Finance Minister, who stated that gold reserves in the Bank of Italy remained unchanged after 14 months, at 2,025,000,000 lire. The Anglo-Italian talks between Count Ciano and Lord Perth will begin to-morrow at the Palazzo Chigi.—*Reuter.*

STOP PRESS

EXCHANGE RATES STABLE

Hankow, Mar. 15.
Exchange rates in Shanghai remained stable yesterday upon the enforcement of the new exchange regulations promulgated by the Ministry of Finance, according to a report received here.

The regulations, the report stated, were duly observed by both Chinese and foreign banks.

Rumours of the rejection of legal tender notes issued in Peiping and Tientsin were dismissed upon the receipt of telegraphic instructions by the Shanghai branches of the four government banks from their offices that these notes would be accepted as usual.—*Central News.*

(Further Stop Press News on Page 12.)

Today we give you news from London Shows: during the week there will be expert and up-to-the-minute news from the Paris Shows; to be followed by the usual competent fashion summary of styles that will have come to stay.

THE London dress designers have done it again. Put on a show for American buyers that really expresses London, and is not a garbled version of Paris or New York fashion!—a show that is conditioned by typical English life and custom.

Will London dress shows ever make international "news" in the sense that Paris haute couture makes news? It seems doubtful, because the English attitude to clothes is so unsensational.

An Englishwoman is still considered well dressed only if she does not attract too much attention and if her clothes are impeccably suited to the occasion. In other words, her clothes are influenced by those of the Englishman: who, as everybody knows, even film stars and the French, is the best dressed person in the world.

Functionalism

Thus, in English clothes you would expect to find functionalism and superb craftsmanship. At the London Fashion Group dress show you find both in clothes that are classic in the best sense by reason of their fitness for purpose and their beautiful tailoring. The classic suits by Lachasse, for example, are marked by exquisite detail rather than sensational style.

For instance, one perfectly simple tan suit of theirs had the new skirt, gored in narrow straight sections almost giving a look of wide stripes: this effect was repeated in the pale blue jacket by inset narrow stripes of the ten colour. By the way, a pale version of London tan allied to pale blue seems a colour contrast to indulge in this spring.

Trends or Tailoring

Do not, therefore, let us speak too much of trends, but rather of tailored suits. From the point of view of the ordinary woman two fashion points emerge:

The classic tailored suit is no longer limited to a straight skirt with pleats and a jacket with big revers. An alternative has come to stay: the gored skirt and box jacket.

This is a good thing, because it is not every woman who looks her best in a classic tailored suit, for which broad shoulders and a straight back are essentials.

The casual box jacket, newly become a tradition, is often more suitable for stout and skinny alike; and in this show it is given its full value. The skirt made in many sections is functional because it keeps its shape.

How easy to wear and charming is Digby Morton's blue and brown check box jacket over a sky blue suit (shown at left of sketch): how distinguished Busvine's dusky blue swaggar jacket over its matching dress.

Eton Girls

The other tailored line that is a good deal shown in Busvine's collection is the Eton "jacket" motif: short "monkey" jacket worn over men's suiting with bloomer plus fours in a skirt, and a ruffled white blouse. Amusing for the very young and slim.

Sports

That brings us to the sports clothes. English designers, who of the little dark draped dresses must be sober when designing

tweeds for the serious business of life, can go crazy when working out games kit. This is where we could lead the world. So Tindling makes a summer golf suit (sketched) of black linen jacket with bloomer plus fours in a brilliant London Transport linen print: black stockings, and large boat-like white shoes.

Afternoon Attempts

Where is the serene elegance of the little dark draped dresses from Paris? It is curious, but,

In spite of the hierarchy of bridge-playing dowagers, our afternoon clothes are not too hot.

May be this is because many Englishwomen who lead fashion step straight out of tweeds into tea gowns or trousers. The same goes for afternoon hats. Aage Thaarup, who usually makes some of the most wearable hats in London, hoped to beguile us, press girls with enormous stiffened veils and vast felt clover leaves. But no. Many trimmings do not make a winner. On the other hand, the simple felts, flat or rolled up, shown with many of the suits were delicious.

Edwardian Evening

But the London designers should come into their own with evening dresses. Where but in this country is the wearing of evening dress so part and parcel of our existence? Perhaps it is because of our northern romanticism that every Cinderella can become a princess after dark. Anyway, from diplomats' wives to domestic workers most women own a "low-necked" evening frock. From the ones shown at the Fashion Group, it seems that Ladies are to be in fashion again. Almost all the evening dresses were both ladylike and elegant, and made simpering prettiness and Hollywood allure seem alike a little naive.

Victor Stiebel's beautiful dark-brown dress (its heart-shaped neckline veiled by net) that Angrave has sketched (right) shows this new dignity: so does Motley's really divine Greek dress (shown on the reclining figure). This is in dark green satin, all pleated.

Keep Off, Young Man

There was also a series of satin dresses by Stiebel with vast clumps of passion flowers, poppies and other herbaceous plants on the bosom. These seemed more suitable for dancing the quadrille than the rumba, but were certainly thought-provoking.

After many years of hearing that teagowns are coming in, there does now seem to be a movement for moving into something informal for country tea time and dinner at home: Lydia Moss gives expression to this tendency with her series of fluffy lace-trimmed trailers, and one impressive Elizabethan gown of quilted crimson satin. Very glamorous for the bou-doir-minded.

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'I WON'T
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Boston, Mass.

AT midnight Frank Di Stasio, 55-years-old sweets maker, and his 25-years-old son, Anthony, are due to be electrocuted in the first father-and-son execution in the history of the State.

And the son is innocent, according to his father, who refuses to sign a document exonerating him.

Frank replies to all the lawyers' pleadings: "My son is innocent. I know he is. But I won't sign the paper. I love my son so much I do not want to leave him behind. I am going to die happy."

The father was sentenced to death for the murder of Daniel Crowley in 1935, and the son was convicted for being an accessory before the fact.

BODY IN CAR

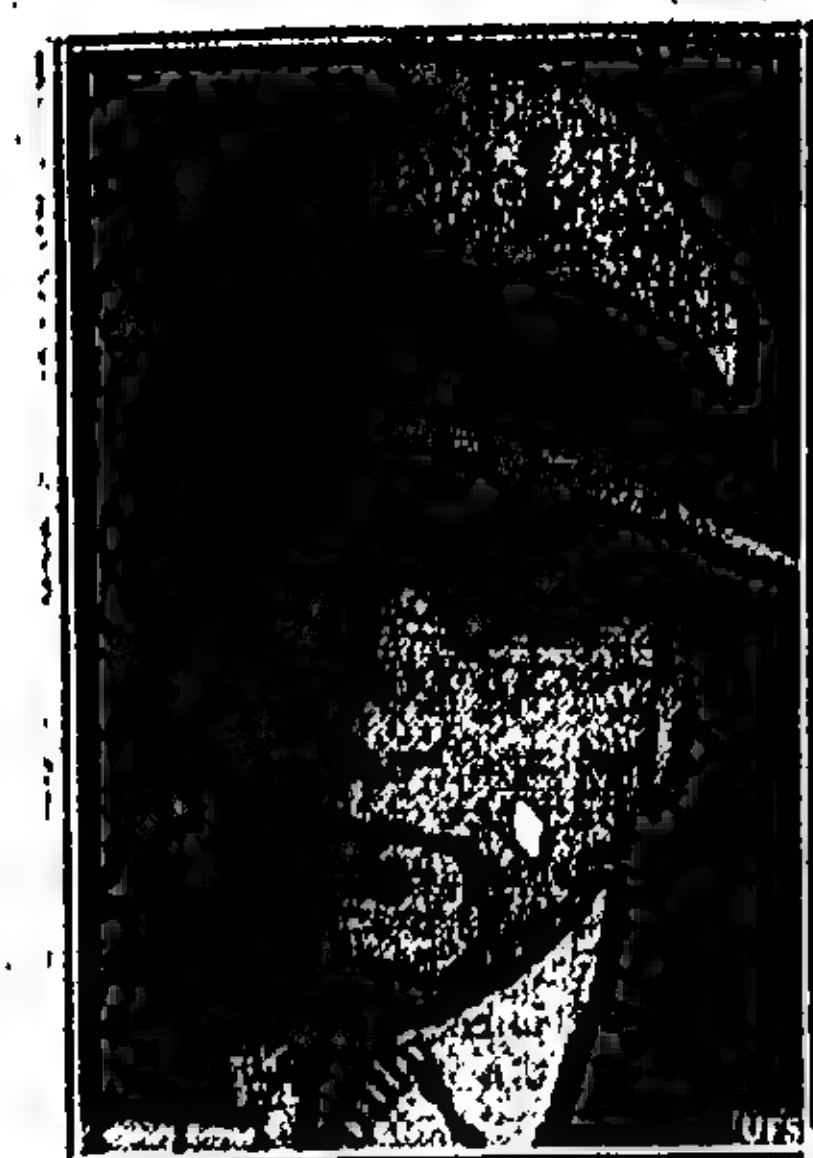
Crowley's burned body was found in a derelict car. Both legs and arms were broken and pieces of the skull were missing, indicating a possible fracture before death. The tongue was scorched, and smoke and fire had been inhaled into the lungs.

It was not long before the police had detained Anthony di Stasio, who made a statement implicating his father. This said that father and son went to Hudson, a suburb of Boston, and selected the scene for the crime.

ARREST BEFORE WEDDING

Two days later, driving his car, Anthony followed his father, who spoke to a shabbily dressed man and drove him to the selected spot. Anthony said he waited for his father, who joined him in 15 minutes. He denied hearing anybody scream for help.

The father was to have been married a few days after the crime, and was arrested within a few hours of the ceremony. The police theory is that Crowley was killed so that Anthony should collect insurance money on his father's life.—British United Press.



COLLAPSE—Alphonse Capone, once Chicago's most powerful gang leader, reported in a mental collapse and under observation in the hospital at Alcatraz Federal prison, San Francisco Bay. It was indicated that if incurably insane he would be moved to Springfield, Mo. He is serving a 10-year sentence for violation of income tax laws.

New Air
For 1938
Motors

Detroit, Feb. 15.

Partial air conditioning for all automobiles is now available to every motorist, at a cost no greater than for the installation of a good heater.

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Hupmobile has adopted it as optional equipment. At least two major United States automobile producers are making exhaustive tests and probably will adopt it soon.

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Lepers Placed At
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Toronto.

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FOR THE ECONOMIST

"It has not only an historical but an economic interest," Mr. A. V. Judges, the young brown-haired, ruddy-faced secretary, told the News Chronicle recently. "All the economists who work on trade cycles and that sort of thing have to draw their facts from Government reports and Royal Commission reports."

"New reports such as those are only issued at times of crisis—they are doctor's diagnoses and doctors are not called in unless the patient is sick. We hope to discover how the patient lived and how he grew while he was well."

Mr. Judges dived into a deep desk-box packed with ancient manuscripts written in copper-plate hand, ink gone brown with age.

"Look at this, for instance," he said. "This is the order book of a member of a Somerset clothing firm in the 1770's. Here are the samples of cloth he carried about with him."

GRANDPA'S SUITS

Pinned to the pages were tiny snippets of blue and mulberry broadcloth, as lustrous in colour, as smoothly solid in texture as they were 150 years ago.

"Things wore for ever in those days. To-day, although we could still make cloth like that, we don't want it: we get bored with our clothes and want them to wear out in two or three years!"

All over the country, people have been asked to send their ancient records to the Council's Headquarters: The Institute of Historical Research, Malet Street, W.C.

Although the Council does not keep the documents, they take note of them and what is in them. An extensive card-index is prepared, so that the writer of any given handbook can at once go to the source for his material.

"Franco Attack"
Message
In An Orange

Geneva.

A shopper in Bole, near Neuchâtel, began peeling a Spanish orange which he had just bought.

Inside, the skin he found a small card on which was written in Spanish:

"Send reinforcements 5,000 men, Perla di Soria—Franco will attack on 13.12.7."

If the orange was used by a Spanish Government spy to convey a message to headquarters, it is a mystery how it got to Switzerland.

'KING'S CHAMPION'
ARRESTED

Mr. Edward Miller, the Woking draper, self-styled "King's and people's champion," was arrested recently on a warrant and taken to Brixton Prison.

He had failed to comply with an order to pay 25 guineas costs arising from summonses which he brought against two officers and the clerk and chairman of Woking Urban Council for assault.

His summonses were brought after he had been forcibly ejected from the council chamber last June. He was committed to prison for a month, but allowed seven days in which to pay.

When the seven days expired on Tuesday evening Mr. Miller again entered the council chamber and left after exclaiming: "Mr. Stollery, you are a scoundrel, you are a scoundrel, you are a scoundrel."

MADE A PREFECT
2 DAYS BEFORE
SUICIDE

PUBLIC SCHOOL BOY
WHO TOOK POISON.
LABORATORY JOKE
ABOUT CYANIDE

Two days after he had been made a prefect, Samuel Felix Wilson, an 18-year-old pupil of Felsted School, near Great Dunmow, Essex, climbed through the window of the locked laboratory and drank poison. This was revealed at the inquest at Braintree when a verdict that he "came to his death by cyanide poison self-administered while the balance of his mind was disturbed" was recorded.

The boy was the son of Dr. Samuel Wilson, of Roche House, Rochford, near Southend.

Evidence of identification was given by Dr. W. J. C. Chevis, of London-road, Chelmsford, who said that the boy was his wife's nephew.

ON OVERTURNED CHAIR

Mr. J. F. Alston, a master, said that Wilson, who was found dead one Sunday night in the biology laboratory, was discovered lying across an overturned chair. The room was in darkness. Wilson, he said, was last seen at 2.30 that afternoon, when he went for a walk.

Mr. J. E. Everett, biology master in charge of the laboratory, which stands apart from the ordinary school buildings, said that he "locked the laboratory about lunch-time on Sunday."

The master said that Wilson always seemed cheerful. The only way he could have got into the laboratory was through the window. It would not be possible to make any distinction between poisonous and harmless things in the laboratory.

The Rev. K. J. F. Bickersteth, headmaster of Felsted School, said that Wilson was admitted in September, 1935, and during his whole school career had never been sent to him for any misdemeanour.

TO HAVE STUDIED AT GUY'S

"His character was absolutely first class," Mr. Bickersteth said. "He was to have left at the end of this term to enter Guy's Hospital in April to study medicine. Only two days before his death he had been made a house prefect."

Dr. Chevis: Had the boy ever consulted you in the matter of his career?—Never with any idea of pursuing any other career than that of medicine.

Did he appear to be happy and contented at the thought of taking up medicine?—On the whole, I think so. A fellow-pupil, Peter John Sutherland, said that he and Wilson were working together in the laboratory on Saturday when there was some talk with other boys about potassium cyanide.

Wilson made a frivolous remark about it," he said. "One of the boys said that he had found some potassium cyanide and that it was still in its usual place. Wilson said: 'I think I'll have some of that.' It was only a joke. Anybody might have said it."

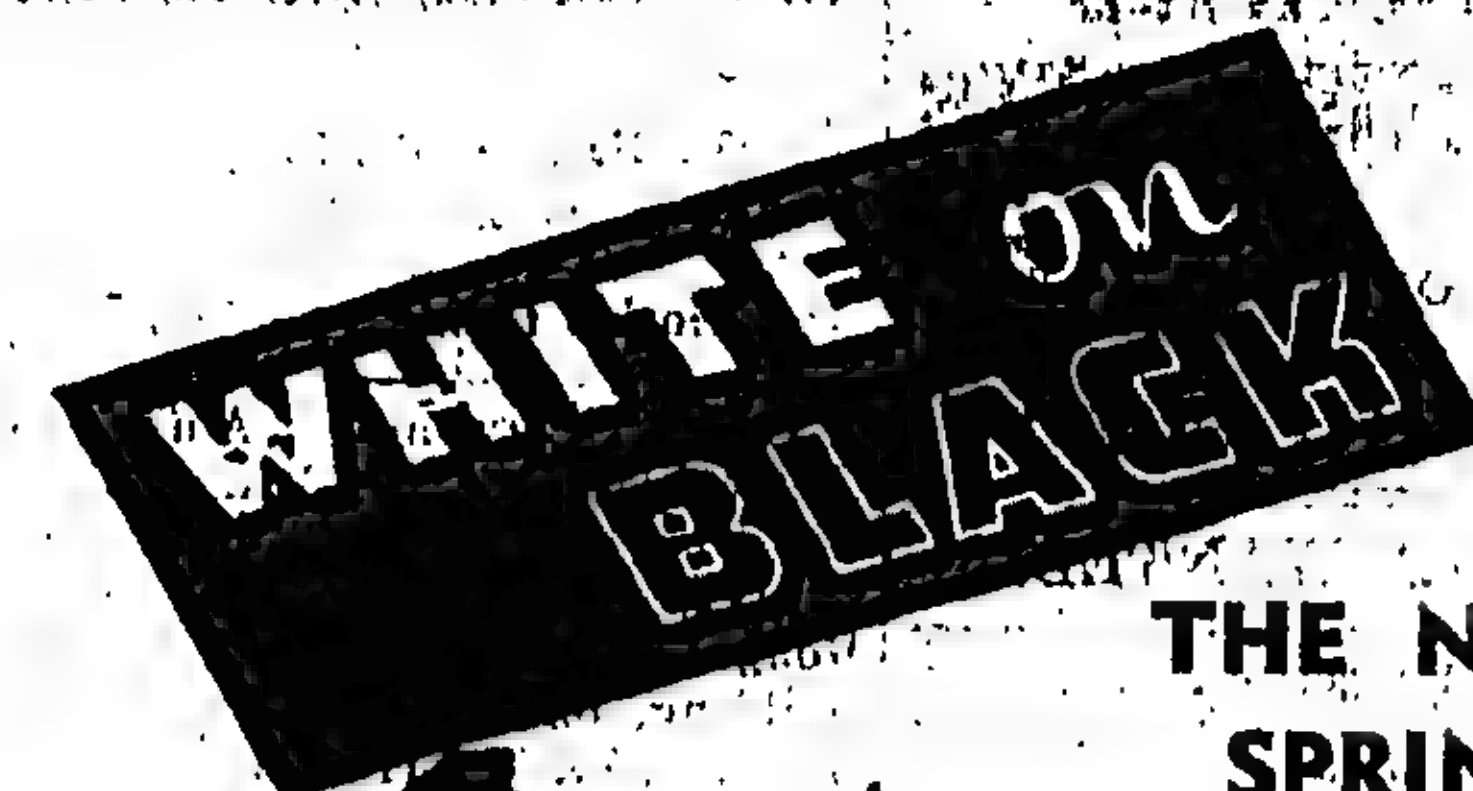
Replying to the coroner, Dr. J. F. MacDonald, Sutherland said that Wilson did not take any of the poison away.

Dr. Geoffrey O. Barber, who made a post-mortem examination, said there was no doubt that Wilson had died from the effects of potassium cyanide, of which he must have taken "a very large quantity."

The coroner, recording his verdict, said he was satisfied that Wilson's mental condition was disturbed.

Letter Makes Fast
Time

Peterborough, Ont. A letter mailed in Wellington, N.Z., arrived here, completing the 9,000 miles trip in eight days. It apparently travelled from Wellington to Auckland by train and was flown to San Francisco on the Imperial Airways service, and then to New York by the same service.



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Shanghai interests are also pressing vehemently to have Shanghai included as a forwarding centre of foreign exchange, in addition to Hongkong, but they are not over- sanguine of success.—Reuter.

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Madrid.....	110 1/4	110 1/4
Lisbon.....	110 1/4	110 1/4
Hongkong.....	1/3	1/3
Bombay.....	1/6 1/4	1/6 1/4
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Brussels.....	20.04 1/4	20.03 1/4
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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 23rd March to 6th April, 1938, both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1938.

WHITNEY'S PLEA
OF GUILTY
ACCEPTED

New York, March 14. In the general sessions court, Mr. Richard Whitney, principal partner in the brokerage firm of Whitney & Co., which went into voluntary liquidation recently, pleaded guilty to a charge of first degree grand larceny involving a \$105,000 family trust fund. The possible maximum sentence is now 10 years hard labour. Sentence is expected to be passed in a fortnight.—United Press.



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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 12th MARCH, 1938, to TUESDAY, the 22nd MARCH, 1938, both days inclusive. JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers. Hongkong, 4th March, 1938.

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By order of the Board,
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Hongkong, 11th March, 1938.

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The Share Register and Transfer Book will be closed from 12th to 28th March, 1938, both days inclusive.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
E. COCK,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1938.

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Notice to Shareholders.

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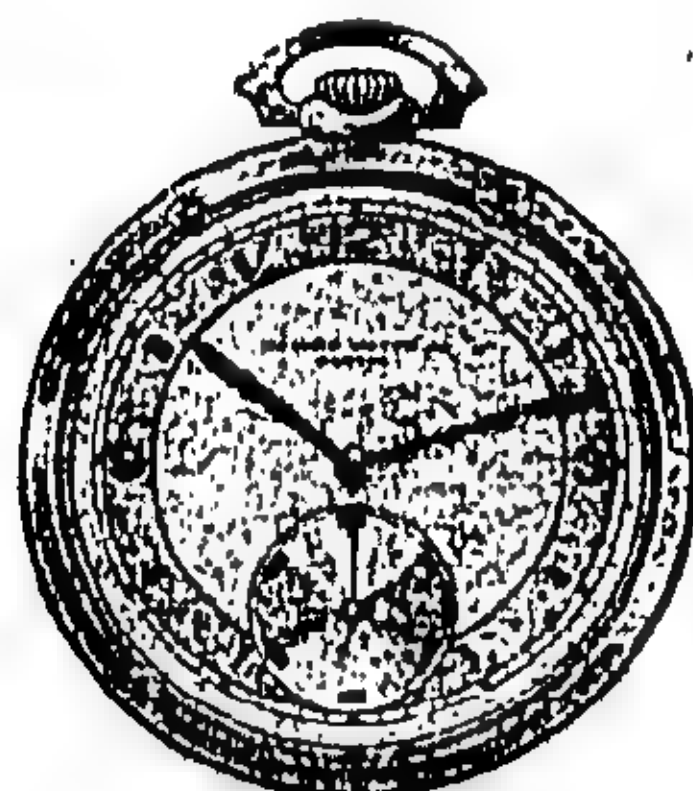
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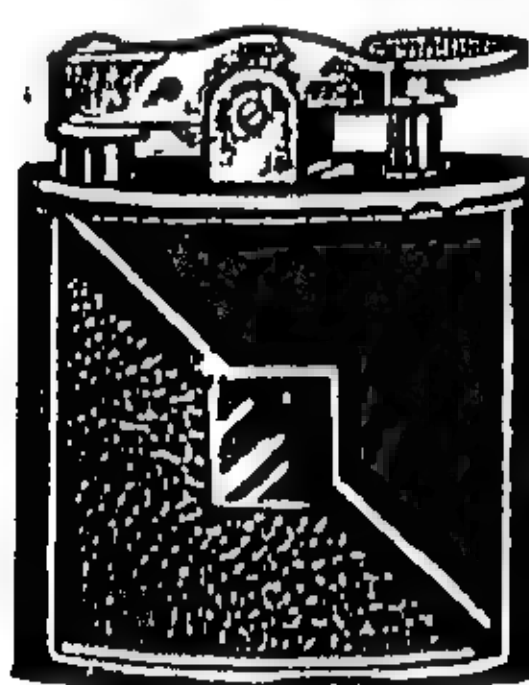
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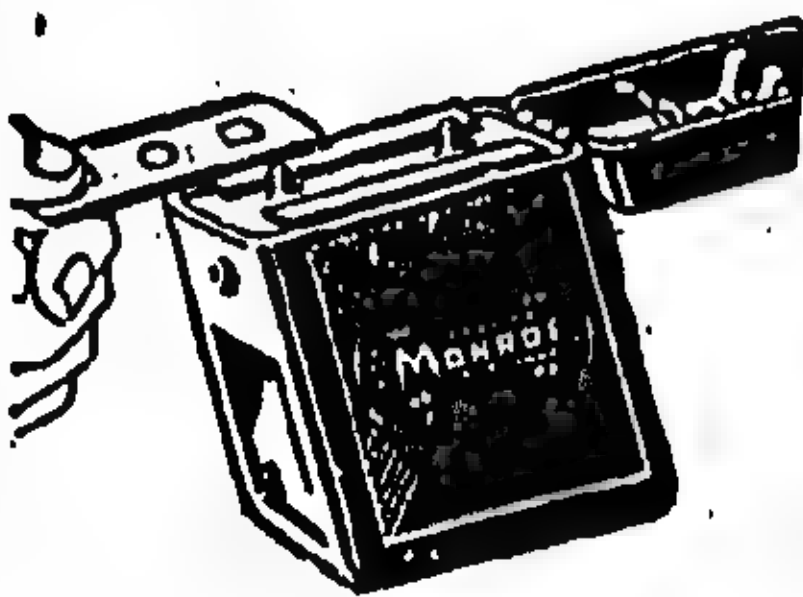
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East Asia Bank, \$80 b. x. d.	
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Shipping	
Douglas, \$64 n.	
H.K. Steamboats, \$12 n.	
Indo-China (Prof.), \$51 n.	
Indo-China (Def.), \$43 n.	
Shell Bearer, \$810 1/4 n.	
Union Waterboats, \$9.30 b.	
Docks etc.	
H.K. & W. Wharves, \$140 n.	
H.K. W. Docks, \$34 1/2 n.	
Providents (old), \$3.50 b.	
Providents (new), \$1.45 b.	
New Engineering, Sh. \$3 n.	
Shanghai Docks, Sh. \$100 n.	
Kwai-ming Am., 16/- n.	
Raub, \$7.90 n.	
Venz: Goldfield, \$4 n.	
Hongkong Mines 10 cts. n.	
Philippine Mining	
Antamok, P., 55 sa.	
Atoko, P., 24 1/2 sa.	
Baguio Gold, P., 21 1/2 sa.	
Benguet Consol., P., 9.70 sa.	
Benguet Explor., —	
Big Wedge, P., —	
Coco Groves, P., 57 sa.	
Consolidated Mines, P., 0.11 sa.	
Demonstrations, P., 37 1/2 sa.	
E. Mindanao, P., —	
Gumaua G'ields, P., —	
Ips Gold, P., —	
I.L.L., P., 74 sa.	
Ilogons, P., —	
Masbate Consol., P., —	
Min. Resources, P., —	
Northern Min., P., —	
Paracale Consol., P., 22 sa.	
Salcedo Mining, P., —	
San Mauricio, P., 51 sa.	
Suyco Consol., P., 10 sa.	
United Paracales, P., 43 sa.	
Lands, Hotels, etc.	
H. and S. Hotels, \$7 sa.	
H.K. Lands, \$37 1/2 sa.	
H.K. Lands, 4% Deben \$100 b.	
Sui Lands, Sh. \$7 n.	
Metropolitan Lands, Sh. —	
Humphries, \$9 b.	
H.K. Realities, \$5.85 b.	
Chinese Estates, \$95 b.	
China Realities, Sh. —	
China Dubent, —	
Public Utilities	
H.K. Tramways, \$18.30 b.	
Peak Trams (old), \$7 b.	
Peak Trams (new), \$34 n.	
Star Ferry, \$84 1/2 n.	
Yau-mai Ferry, (old), \$28 1/2 b.	
China Light (old), \$124 sa.	
China Light (new), \$9.30 b.	
H.K. Electric, \$60 1/2 sa.	
Macao Electric, \$104 n.	
Sandakan Lights, \$13 1/2 b.	
Telephone (old), \$274 b. and sa.	
Telephone (new), \$10.50 sa.	
China Buses, Sh. —	
Singapore Tractions, 23/6 n.	
Singapore Fret., 23/6 n.	
Industrials	
Cold: Macg. (old), Sh. \$14 1/2 n.	
Cold: Macg. (Prof.), Sh. \$12 1/2 n.	
Canton Lcs, \$1.70 n.	
Cement, \$18.20 s.	
H.K. Ropes, \$4.95 n.	
Dairy Farm, Sires, &c.	
Watson, \$7 sa.	
Lane Crawfords, \$9 1/4 n.	
Sinceres, \$1.90 n.	
Wine On (H.K.), \$39 n.	
William Powell, Ltd. 60 cts. sa.	
Cotton Mills	
Ewo Cottons, Sh. \$14 n.	
Shai Cotton (old), Sh. \$72 n.	
Zong Sing, Sh. —	
Wing On Textiles, Sh. —	
Miscellaneous	
H.K. Entertainment, \$6.70 n.	
Constructions, \$1 1/2 b.	
Vibro Piling, \$5 1/2 n.	
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 C\$Bds, 73% n.	
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 6% prm. n.	
H.K. Govt. 3 1/4% Loan 1 1/4% prm. n.	
Wallace Harpers, \$8 1/2 b.	
Marsons Inv., (Lon.), s/- 17/8 n.	
Marsons Inv. (H.K.), s/- 4/- b.	

EXCHANGE

Selling	
T.T. London	1s. 2 1/2
Demand	1s. 2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	104 1/2
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	100
T.T. India	81 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	30 1/2
T.T. Manila	61 1/2
T.T. Batavia	55 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	149 1/2
T.T. Franco	98 1/2
T.T. Germany	55 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	133 1/2
T.T. Australia	176 1/2
Buying	
4 m/s L/c London	1/3.3/32
4 m/s D/P do.	1/3.3/32
4 m/s L/c U.S.A.	31 1/2
4 m/s Franco	10.60
30 d/s Indian	83 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.08 1/2

MANILA SHARES

The following business done quotations were received after the close of the morning session by Swan, Culbertson & Fritz from their Manila office:

Business Done Prices in Pesos	
Antamok	24 1/2
Atoko	24 1/2
Baguio Gold	24 1/2
Benguet Consol.	24 1/2
Coco Groves	24 1/2
Consolidated Mines	24 1/2
Demonstrations	24 1/2
E. Mindanao	24 1/2
Gumaua G'ields	24 1/2
Ips Gold	24 1/2
I.L.L.	24 1/2
Paracale Consol.	24 1/2
Salcedo Mining	24 1/2
San Mauricio	24 1/2
Suyco Consol.	24 1/2
United Paracales	24 1/2

POST OFFICE.

AIR MAIL LETTERS

Ordinary air mail letters may be posted in the ordinary posting boxes at Kowloon Post Office and General Post Office. They should be clearly marked "By Air Mail" and bear sufficient postage. Insufficiently prepaid letters may be taxed with double the deficiency or forwarded by Steamer Service, at the discretion of the Post Office.

AIR MAIL SERVICES

Air Mail Services to Shanghai, Nanking, Tsingtau, Tientsin and Peking are temporarily suspended.

VIA SIBERIA ROUTE

Letters and Postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "Via Siberia" if so superscribed.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 8 p.m. on the previous day.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due
Manila	Emp. of Russia	March 15.
Straits and Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers) London date, 17th February and (London Parcels) London date, 10th February		
Manila	Ranpura	March 15.
Calcutta and Straits	Prometheus	March 15.
Java and Manila	Shirala	March 15.
Haliphong	Tjissadane	March 15.
Haliphong, Pakhoi and Hoihow	Canton	March 17.
Australia and Manila	Kiangsu	March 17.
Shanghai and Swatow	Kitano Maru	March 17.
Straits, Manila and London Parcels	Tsinan	March 17.
Straits, London date, 3rd February	Agamemnon	March 18.
Straits	Shutan	March 18.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 10th March	Imperial Airways Plane	March 18.
Japan and Shanghai	Kaisar-I-Hind	March 18.
Shanghai, Amoy and Swatow	Lingchow	March 18.
Saloon	Sphinx	March 18.
Shanghai	Glenshiel	March 18.
Haliphong	G. G. Paul Doumer	March 19.
Calcutta and Straits	Hosang	March 19.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 11th March	Pan American Airways Plane	March 19.
Shanghai	Conte Blancman	March 20.
Japan and Shanghai	Marchal Joffre	March 20.
Shanghai and Amoy	Tjibadak	March 20.
Bangkok	Yingchow	March 20.
Japan	Teucer	March 21.
Straits	Eumoeus	March 21.
Straits	Van Houtte	March 21.
Calcutta and Straits	Mausang	March 21.
Japan and Shanghai	Monestheus	March 21.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Manila	Fres. Jefferson	March 23.
—Seattle date—26th February		
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Manila (San Francisco date, 23rd Feb.)	Fres. Cleveland	March 24.
Amoy	Sirdhana	March 24.
Japan and Shanghai	Terukuni Maru	March 24.
Japan	Tjissalak	March 24.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C., date, 5th March)	Atsuta Maru	March 25.
Japan	Emp. of Japan	March 25.
Straits	Toyama Maru	March 25.
Japan	Katori Maru	March 25.
Japan	Nojima Maru	March 25.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time
Saloon, Madang, Salamau and Neptuna	Tuesday	Tues., Mar. 15, 5 p.m.
Rabaul, *Sydney and *Melbourne		
Wednesday		

Prepares Britain For Europe Crisis

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von Seyss-Inquart and his colleagues presented an ultimatum to Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg demanding abandonment of the plebiscite, and threatened that if this was refused, the Nazis would abstain from voting and that they could not be restrained from causing serious disturbances during the poll. They required an answer before March 13.

Germany Behind Ultimatum

The Austrian Chancellor declined the ultimatum, but offered a compromise whereby a second plebiscite should be held later. Feeling himself under the threat of civil war and possible military invasion, Dr. von Schuschnigg agreed to cancel the plebiscite on the condition that the tranquility of the country was undisturbed by the Nazis. There seemed to be little doubt that the offer was referred to Germany. In any event, the reply of the Ministers concerned was that the offer was insufficient and that Dr. Schuschnigg must resign in order to be replaced by Dr. Seyss-Inquart. It appeared that Dr. Schuschnigg was given until 4.30 p.m. in which to reply, and that he was informed that if the reply was unsatisfactory German troops would be ordered to move at 5 p.m.

This fact seemed to show that Germany was behind the ultimatum (Cheers).

Yielded To Threats

Later in the day a fresh ultimatum which appeared to be brought from Germany by plane, demanded the resignation of the Chancellor and his replacement by Dr. Seyss-Inquart, the formation of a new Cabinet, two-thirds of which should be National Socialists, the re-admittance of the Austrian Legion, and the total readmission of the Nazi Party.

The Austrian Chancellor later announced by wireless, that in view of the German threatened invasion, he had yielded to avoid shedding German blood, and Austrian troops had been instructed to offer no resistance if and when the German troops crossed the frontier.

Recalls Protest Note

Mr. Chamberlain proceeded to recall the British note of protest delivered on March 11, adding that earlier in the same day he made earnest representations in the same sense to the German Minister for Foreign Affairs, with whom Viscount Halifax also had two conversations the same day.

The German Government's reply stated that the British Government was not within its rights in claiming the role of protector for the independence of Austria. A letter from Baron von Neurath to the British Ambassador in Berlin stated that the German Government had never left the British Government in any doubt that the form of the relations between the Reich and Austria could only be regarded as an internal affair of the German people, which was not the concern of third powers. In particular, the allegation that the ultimatum presented demanded a Cabinet and Chancellor according to a list of certain candidates in conformity with the proposals of the German Government, falling within the entry of German troops into Austria would have to be contemplated, was described by Baron von Neurath as pure imagination.

Answered Appeal

The letter went on to say that the despatch of forces from Germany was first raised by an Austrian request, and it added: "Faced with the directly threatening danger of bloody civil war in Austria, the Government of the Reich decided to meet the appeal."

The letter concluded with the contention that dangerous consequences could only come into play if an attempt was made by a third party in contradiction to the peaceful intentions and legitimate aims of the Reich, to exercise in the developments of the situation in Austria an influence inconsistent with the right of the German people to self-determination.

Mr. Chamberlain, after stating that the Government had remained in the closest touch with the French Government throughout, said that it seemed to them that the methods adopted throughout called for the severest condemnation, and they had administered a shock to all who were entrusted with the preservation of European peace.

It followed that what had passed could not fail to have prejudiced the hope of the British Government of removing the misunderstandings between the nations and the promoting of international co-operation.

Czechoslovakia Reassured

After Mr. Chamberlain had refuted rumours sedulously put about in many quarters that the Government had given consent, if not encouragement, to the idea of the absorption of Austria by Germany, he referred to the attitude of Czechoslovakia and said he was informed that Field Marshal Hermann Goerring on March 11 gave a general assurance to the Czechoslovak Minister to Berlin that it would be the earnest endeavour of the German Government to improve German-Czech relations, while on the same day the Czech Minister was assured by Baron von Neurath that Germany considered herself bound to the German-Czechoslovak arbitration convention of October 1925.

Pledge Discharged

The Prime Minister maintained that Britain had fully discharged her pledge for consultation both with the French and Italian governments to

whom they had made an immediate approach when Austria's independence seemed to be threatened by recent events. As a result the French Government addressed a similar protest to Germany, but from the Italian Government they had not received a full exposition of their views. Mr. Chamberlain emphasised that the British Government had always made it clear that it strongly disapproved the application of violent methods for a solution of this problem. The hard fact was that nothing could have arrested this action by Germany unless Britain and others had been prepared to use force to prevent them.

"I imagine, according to the temperaments of the individual, that the events in our mind to-day will be the cause of regret, sorrow, and perhaps indignation" (Cheers). They cannot be regarded by the Government with indifference and equanimity. They are bound to have an effect that cannot be measured. The immediate results must be to intensify the sense of uncertainty and insecurity in Europe.

"We must consider the new situation clearly, but with a cool judgment and in the confidence that we shall be supported in asking that none, whatever his particular pre-occupied notions he, shall regard himself as excluded from any extension of national efforts that may be called for."

Concluding Mr. Chamberlain referred to the German programme, declaring: "We have always made it clear that it is flexible and would have to be reviewed from time to time in the light of any development in the international situation. It would be idle to deny that recent events do not constitute a change of the kind we had in mind. Accordingly we have decided to make a fresh review, and due course we shall announce what further steps we think it necessary to take."—*Reuter*.

Britain's Policy Explained

Mr. R. A. Butler, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Labour, replying to the debate on the Foreign Office estimates, said the British Government had made representations to Berlin with regard to the withdrawal of German troops from Austria, and the treatment of Catholics, Jews and Socialists.

"It is impossible for any words of mine to express how solemnly the Government feels about this, and what importance it attaches to its representations," said Mr. Butler. He declared that no particular result could accrue from referring the Austrian question to the League of Nations, as such a course would not be conducive to a realistic solution or a satisfactory result.

With regard to collective security, the Government's policy was to make it a reality if possible.

Might Mean Sacrifices

He emphasised that the Government had no intention of introducing any form of military service. If the Government decided to extend the Air Force programme it would have to ask employers and workers for inconveniences, and perhaps sacrifices.

As regards British policy in Central Europe, the Government had not given special guarantees towards Austria and Czechoslovakia, apart from the obligations of a member of the League towards a fellow member. The Estimates were agreed to without a division.—*Reuter*.

"Chamberlain Must Go"

London, Mar. 14. Following Mr. Neville Chamberlain's statement, the House of Commons tacitly gave a vote of confidence through voting favourably on the report of the Foreign Office estimates on which the debate started.

In the meantime, hundreds of Communists marched past the House of Parliament, shouting: "Chamberlain Must Go!"—*United Press*.

Chamberlain Disappoints Paris Circles

Paris, Mar. 14. On the whole Mr. Neville Chamberlain's speech in the House of Commons regarding the Austrian situation has disappointed political circles here. Having formally reaffirmed her obligations to Czechoslovakia, France hoped that Britain might give the world some indication, however veiled, that Britain stood by collective security, and was not prepared to see independent countries brow-beaten.

At the same time, the importance of Mr. Chamberlain's statement with regard to revision in armaments is fully appreciated here as a warning to others that Britain realises the new situation must be taken very seriously.

To-night, M. Leon Blum, French Prime Minister, stated that in view of the gravity of the situation, he had decided upon urgent procedure for voting extra credits to expand the arms programme.

M. Blum was addressing the General Workers' Federation, and he appealed for Trade Union co-operation to speed up arms production. An executive spokesman replied that the workers were ready to make the required effort provided others also did their part.

Another meeting is being held to-morrow to discuss details. It will be attended by M. Edouard Daladier, Minister for National Defence.—*Reuter*.

URGES U.S. TO STAY IN PHILIPPINES

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realistic re-examination of those people."

UNOFFICIAL APPROVAL

United States Government officials, including those at the White House, members of Congress and members of the State Department, were acquainted with Mr. Paul McNutt's speech beforehand, and had given unofficial approval, which implied that Mr. McNutt's views reflected the Administration's new attitude.

Mr. McNutt said the peace of the Pacific was dependent on harmonising the "salvation of the Philippines and the larger interests of America." He said that the United States should reserve to itself only the jurisdiction of foreign affairs, tariffs, immigration, currency and public debts.

"We should feel free, in case of crisis, to help to preserve the democratic basis of the Philippine Government."

DARK PREDICTION

Referring to the military problem, he said: "I venture to predict that if our flag comes down, the Philippines will be the bloody ground and centre of war within war for a generation."

Mr. McNutt sketched the background of the independence movement and drew attention to the new problems which had arisen since the passing of the Independence Bill. Treaties concerning the Orient have been violated, and the "Open Door" policy of freedom of the seas and freedom of the air is in the balance.

He said that many Filipino leaders had come to realise that independence may mean merely trading of sovereignties, and that a small and independent nation may be unable to enforce the United States law excluding Asiatic immigration.—*United Press*.

FRANCE PLEDGED TO FIGHT

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the situation became sufficiently serious.

M. Paul Boncour to-day summoned the French Ministers at Vienna, Belgrade and Brussels to meet in Paris to discuss the situation.—*Reuter*.

Reports from Moscow say that stories in London to the effect that 500,000 Russian troops are mobilised on the Polish border ready to march to the aid of Czechoslovakia, are mere guess-work.

Austrian Foreign Office Absorbed

Berlin, Mar. 14. It is announced that the Austrian Foreign Office has been merged with the German Diplomatic Service. Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, Foreign Minister, who arrived from London yesterday, left by air for Vienna, where, it is announced, Herr Hitler is remaining for several days.

Baron von Papen, German Ambassador to Austria, also left for Vienna to-day.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

TREE THIEVES CAPTURED, ONE RESISTS

More wood thieves were charged before Mr. H. R. Butters of the Central Magistracy this morning. Yim Woo, 36, a carpenter, who was arrested at Kennington, Town, with 35 cuttings of tree wood in his possession, was fined \$250 with the alternative of three months' hard labour. He admitted having had three previous convictions.

Two other men, Tam Hung-chuen, 36, coolie, and Wu Shing, 55, unemployed, who were arrested at Pokfulam with quantities of tree wood in their possession, were each fined \$50 with the alternative of two months' hard labour. Both had previous convictions.

A man arrested on Shaaukwan hillside was fined a similar amount. It was stated that six men were needed to take defendant into custody.

MADE VACCINATION HIS BUSINESS, STUDENT DEPORTED

The case against Chui Man-sang, 32, student, charged before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy last week with vaccinating two persons without authority, was concluded this morning, when defendant was ordered to be deported. He had tried to collect money for the vaccinations.

Mr. Edwards said that the tube of vaccine used had been examined and nothing had been found wrong with it. As defendant had been locked up for some time, he would have defendant sent back to Canton.

FIRE DESTROYS MARINE STORE

Damage of about \$1,200 was caused when a wood and corrugated iron matchbox, owned by Tsui Yan-tai at Cheungshawan Road, was destroyed by fire yesterday.

The premises was used as a marine store selling bamboo hats, joss sticks and such goods.

Both the fire brigade and the Kowloon Emergency Unit were called to the fire.

NAZIS IMPRISON AUSTRIAN OPPONENTS

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turning point had been vouchsafed the German people.

"It is not the 2,000,000 in this city alone, but the 65,000,000 of our people in the Reich who are with us to-day. I am moved and overwhelmed as are of you who live in the same faith. Whatever may come, nobody can ever again shatter or crush the German Reich as it stands to-day, and no menace, no necessity and no force can break this oath. There are here united, people from Königsberg to Cologne, from Hamburg to Vienna.—*Reuter*.

Austrian Legation In London Merged

London, Mar. 14. The Austrian Legation has been instructed to hand over its functions to the German Embassy.—*United Press*.

Britain's Policy Is Blamed

Moscow, Mar. 14. Commenting on the Austrian situation, the *Isvestia* says: "If the ultimatum presented to Dr. von Schuschnigg by Herr Hitler was possible only after Herr Hitler's negotiations with Viscount Halifax, then a prerequisite for the invasion of Austria by German troops was that change in British foreign policy expressed in Mr. Anthony Eden's resignation."

"In the eyes of the supporters of peace, the invasion of German troops of Austria condemns the foreign policy of Mr. Chamberlain."—*United Press*.

Japan To Recall Vienna Legation

Tokyo, Mar. 15. It is semi-officially reported that Japan has decided to recall her Vienna Legation officials, after which she will establish a Consulate-General to conduct Vienna affairs.—*United Press*.

CANTON HEAVILY BOMBED

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the invaders, the noise being audible all over the city.—*Reuter*.

LATER REPORTS

The main objective of the Japanese attack this morning seems to have been the Yintang military Academy and anti-aircraft batteries in the vicinity of White Cloud Mountain, north-west of Canton.

An undetermined number of Japanese planes which were apparently turning from the Canton-Hankow railway line dropped about 25 bombs.

As the machines were flying at a great height and their bombs were said to have been small, the material damage done is believed to have been slight. But a number of civilian casualties have been caused in villages about Canton.—*Reuter*.

THIEF BLAMED FOR FIRE

Slight damage was caused when a fire broke out at a garage on a vacant block off Dyer Avenue at 7.50 p.m. yesterday. The fire is believed to have originated when some person entered to steal petrol. Two cars were in the garage at the time, one owned by Mr. J. C. Brown of 4 Highbury Terrace being scorched slightly.

The Emergency Unit, Kowloon, and the fire brigade attended.

SHIP IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with the Radio Office: Huiyio Maru, Ixion, Ensis, Conting Siamunono, Kinco Mar, Schenhorst, Ranpur, Empress of Britain, Empress of Russia, Shuntion, Empress of Japan, President Cleveland, President Jackson and President Jefferson.

19-YEAR-OLD GIRL DIES OF POISON

Suspected to be suffering from the effects of poison, Ng Kwan-chun, a woman of 19, was admitted to the Tung Wah Hospital and died at 8.35 last night.

HANDBAG STOLEN

While shopping at 14 Peking Road yesterday, Mrs. B. Spencey had her handbag stolen from the counter. The bag contained keys and valuables worth \$50.

Man, 77, Sheds 20 Years

Calcutta. "Amazing progress" is reported to have been made by 77-year-old Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya, former Indian Congress President, who is undergoing rejuvenation treatment near Allahabad.

Although the treatment has been in process for only half the allotted period of 42 days, the Pandit has lost his wrinkles and is able to read without spectacles by the light of a wick-lamp.

It appears likely that he will grow a new set of teeth. Tapasi Ji, the sadhu who is directing the treatment, declares that when it is completed, the Pandit will look 20 years younger and his white hair will turn black.

Malaviya is kept in a specially constructed chamber which has no light.

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, Mar. 14.

New York Cotton
Opening Closing
May 8.94/85 8.88/88
July 9.01/02 8.92/92
Oct 9.10/11 9.02/02
Dec 9.12/13 9.03/03
Jan 9.13/13 9.03/04

Spot 8.94

New York Rubber

Mar. 14.32/32 14.38/38
May 14.53/52 14.46/46
July 14.07/00 14.55/55
Dec 14.78/76 14.70/70
Jan 14.80 N

Sales for the day—700 tons.

Chicago Wheat

May 87 1/2/87 85 1/2/85
July 83 1/2/83 82 1/2/82
Sept. 81/81 82 1/2/82

Saturday's Sales—

13,954,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn

May 58 1/2/58 57 1/2/57
July 60 1/2/60 59 1/2/59
Sept. 61/61

Winnipeg Wheat

May 118/118 117/117
July 110/109 107 1/2/108 1/2
Oct. 90 1/2/90

JUNK MASTER LACKS LICENCE

A fine of \$25, or in default, one month's imprisonment, was imposed on Leung Ming, 38, by Hon. Cmr. G. F. Ho, the Harbour Master, when he pleaded guilty at the Marine Court this morning to failing to have a valid licence for his trading junk.

Mr. Brett, Chief Junk Inspector, said that defendant's licence, which cost \$20.50, had expired in July last year, and since then the Junk Office had been looking for him. He had been found off the Cheung Chau Ferry wharf on Monday.

BRITAIN'S ADVERSE TRADE BALANCE

London, Mar. 14.

United Kingdom exports totalled £27,528,722 for February against £24,183,132 for January and £28,572,037 for February of 1937. Re-exports were £25,527,706 for February against £24,801,414 and £26,927,043.

Imports for February were valued at £27,738,844 against £24,056,340 for January and £27,712,058 for February of 1937.—*British Wireless*.

RECOMMEND DIVIDENDS

Subject to audit Directors will recommend the payment of a Final Dividend of 15s. per share in respect of the year 1937 for the Union Insurance Society of Canton.

The Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Society will be held on April 13.

Subject to audit the directors of the British Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., will recommend the payment of a Dividend of 7s. per share for the year ended December 31.

The Directors of the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., will recommend the payment of a Dividend of \$12 per share and a bonus dividend of \$6 per share for the year ended December 31.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 3.15 p.m. yesterday, says:

Market ruled quietly steady, with prices a shade lower. Providents are keeping steady at \$3.55 buyers, while Ewos in Shanghai are \$14.40 buyers.

Bank of East Asia \$80 ex. div.

Union Insurance \$23

Union Waterworks \$20.25

H.K. & W. Docks \$24.05

China Tramways \$15.40

Peak Tram (Old) \$17

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Sandakan Light \$13 1/2

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Suiyoo Consol 18

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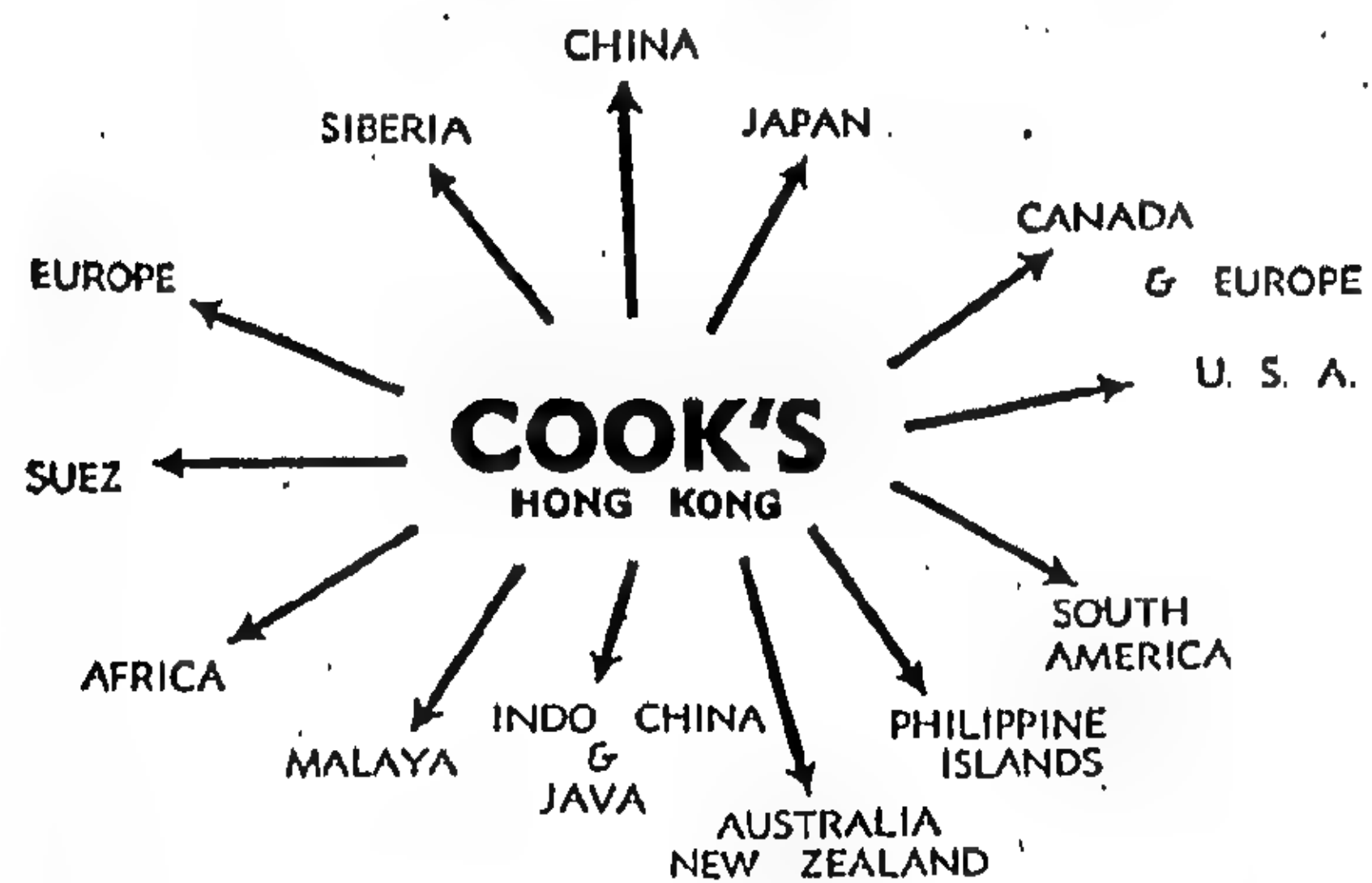
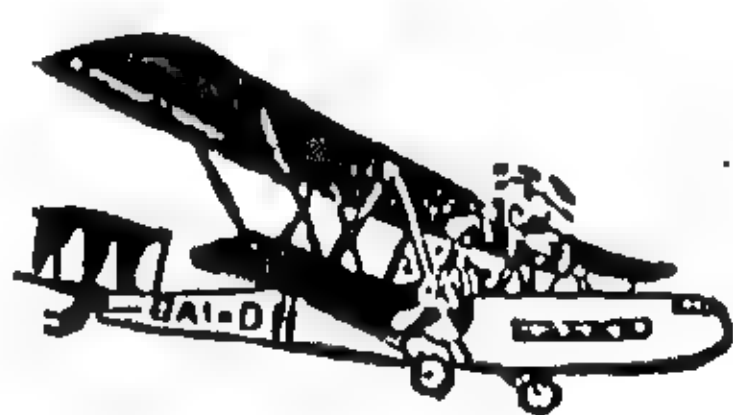
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TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 1938.

IN SEARCH OF CULTURE

A committee consisting of Dr. G. A. C. Herklotz, Mr. W. Schofield and Mr. A. D. Brankston recently completed and tabled before the Legislative Council a most comprehensive report upon museum accommodation required in Hongkong, the nature of collections advisable, its organization, site and so on. It was a very commendable piece of work, and the public, as well as the Government, is appreciative. But the report went a step beyond the museum project and spoke of "the need in the Colony for a cultural centre embracing a library, a museum and possibly an art gallery, and there are indications that such a proposal is at the moment being considered by the Government." It is the desirability of these other cultural amenities which should be stressed at this time.

There have been many complaints in the past that Hongkong has not a modern library which, besides providing works of reference, contains volumes which appeal to the popular taste. It is true that a library does exist, Government controlled and operated, in the old City Hall Building, and that books are being bought regularly to add to its shelves. But there are criticisms that the selection is not broad enough; in other words, that there are not enough books on enough subjects available. It is also true, probably, that the facilities the library offer are not too well-known in Hongkong. However, it is there for examination and for the resident to form his own opinion.

Even more important than an art gallery, it seems, and next in value to a library, is a large and well-equipped auditorium. There are plenty of examples of the successful development of the idea. Auditoriums in scores of British cities, particularly in Australia and Canada, built and supported by city governments and public subscription, have proved not only immensely valuable culturally but financially a sound investment. In the first place an auditorium in Hongkong, providing it is suitable in the matter of acoustics and equipment, would encourage amateur dramatic and musical talent, and might eventually be the means of swelling substantially the funds available for always

WHEN the bells of armistice rang out, they rang also the death knell of the great Austro-Hungarian Empire. More than 40,000,000 of its subjects were henceforth to dwell beneath other flags; and in a dismembered Austria, not much larger than half England, 6,500,000 people made a republic and began a new and troubled life.

That life entered abruptly on a new phase on Saturday.

No one of Austria's 19 years of independent life has passed without trouble. Years of poverty and deflation were inevitable in a country which can never have anything but an adverse trade balance. Almost one-third of the entire population lives in one city, Vienna; and Austria could only feed them and clothe them and make them happy if it had been allowed to sell its products freely to its neighbours—which it was not.

At one time it was kept alive by loans politely blackmailed from the Powers to whom its independence was of paramount importance in their scheme of European equilibrium. It was allowed to do nothing that might have proved to be its economic salvation; and in March, 1931, made desperate by a poverty

needy charities. There certainly should be no reason why it could not be made to pay for itself if the Government could not afford to support it, and if no public benefactors offered aid; for there are numerous organisations here which would take advantage of the inexpensive accommodation to be obtained.

It is possible, too, that the facilities of a spacious auditorium might encourage garrison bands, so many of which are of high quality, to appear more frequently before the public. There is no doubt that a weekly military band concert would be popular here during the winters. It is not too much to hope that an auditorium would eventually bring into being a civic orchestra of real merit. That is just another project worthy of the widest and warmest support.

It is a pity that Hongkong has earned the reputation of being culturally backward and artistically uninteresting. Perhaps it is that in the past the Colony could not afford such luxuries as books and good music. It is high time it did.



FALL and DECLINE of AUSTRIA

By Arthur Norton

that was not slow to breed internal discontent, it suggested a customs union with Germany.

Under French leadership Europe objected, but took no step to help its trade in any way.

The world was in the throes of the economic crisis and the break came at the weakest point in the fabric. Fears for the solvency of the Credit Anstalt led to a flight of capital from Austria, and this great Central European bank collapsed. With its fall the panic spread and caught all Europe in its grip.

From that moment the pace quickened; and Austria's troubles, which, previously, had been more or less confined to economic questions, now swept into the political arena and engulfed it. Already town had been setting itself up against country; and the clouds of civil war began to gather in remote corners of the sky.

Vienna, and the towns generally, were Socialist and anti-Clerical; the countryside, envious of the urban standard of living, was Catholic and Conservative. So that the towns might retain their privileges, their Schutzbund was created, a private democratic militia, recruited from the ranks of Socialist workers and the intelligentsia. On the other side was the Heimwehr, built on Fascist lines and recruited from the peasants and land workers in the provinces.

There now emerged into political life and power the diminutive figure of Engelbert Dollfuss, who, by a series of political chances, found himself Prime Minister of Austria on May 20, 1932. From that date he remained in power until the Nazis murdered him on July 25, 1934.

Dollfuss has been the subject of more legends than any of the post-war dictators; more loved and more hated, perhaps, than any. He was a mass of contradictions: cunning and naïf, simple and shrewd.

He had not been in power a year when, as a consequence of the seizure of power by the Nazis in Germany and their attempts to extend their activities to the whole German-speaking world, he abolished parliamentary government and three days later set himself up as dictator with supreme powers.

How long he would have lasted had an attempt not been made on his life there is no knowing, but on October 8, 1938, a Nazi hit him with two bullets and failed to kill him; and from

that moment Dollfuss was a martyr, and as such someone to be cherished and given a popularity he would otherwise never have had.

In that same year Hitler had assumed power in Germany; and from that moment it did not really matter what independent Austria might do in an effort to maintain its status falling constructive help from outside or reasonable freedom to establish relations with Germany; it was doomed now to fall into the hands of the Third Reich on the latter's terms. In the beginning of "Mein Kampf," a book from whose stated doctrine Hitler has never deviated, the union of Germany and Austria is envisaged as one of the major necessities of the Nazi programme.

It is not necessary here to go into all the reasons why such a marriage is of paramount importance to Hitler's policy; it is enough to say that, with Austria remaining outside the fold, the Nazi dream of a Central and Eastern Europe trailing behind Germany as satellite States could never be realised.

Dollfuss himself was not slow to recognise this new menace; and he turned south for protection, and found it in the arms of Mussolini, who disliked then, the thought of a great German army on the Brenner Pass, ready, perhaps, to wrest from Italy the German-speaking territories which were annexed at Versailles in 1919.

In those days he was strong enough to offer protection. Germany was still comparatively weak; and Italian strength and resources had not been dissipated in two long and costly wars, one of which still rages.

For his protection, however, Mussolini demanded a price; and that price was the liquidation of the Austrian Socialist Party.

Dollfuss paid him in February, 1934, by turning his forces loose on the workers of Vienna and of the big provincial cities.

For four days the battle raged in the capital: for four days 5,000 ill-armed Schutzbundlers kept the forces of authority at bay. Their homes, the famous Karl Marx Hof and the Goethe Hof, were bombarded; all the magnificent work of the Socialist municipality crumbled away to dust; and with it went the last vestiges of liberty.

Resistance lingered in the provinces for perhaps two days more; but that was all. When Otto Bauer, leader of the Socialists, fled abroad the bloodshed came to an end.

But if Dollfuss had triumphed, he was not for long to enjoy the strange fruits of his victory. Five months later the Nazis murdered him.

But, at the time, they did no more than that. The hoped-for coup d'état failed: Austria was not yet ready for complete Nazi domination.

Dollfuss was succeeded not by Rintelen, the Nazi nominee, but by his second-in-command, Kurt von Schuschnigg, who remains Chancellor to this day. He lacks every attribute that ever made Dollfuss popular; but in his four and a half troubled years of office he has proved himself a match for all the internal efforts to unseat him.

He got rid of the egregious Prince Starhemberg, his Vice-Chancellor and head of the Heimwehr, whom many people, at one time, supposed the real power in Austria; and he has never had trouble with the mischievous legitimist party who would put a Hapsburg back on a throne that no longer exists.

In July, 1936, Germany gave up attempting to bludgeon Austria into submission, and substituted the hypodermic syringe. Hitler made an agreement with Schuschnigg which was supposed to "normalise the relations between the two countries." It was agreed that Germany should recognise the full sovereignty of Austria; and that each Government should undertake not to interfere in the internal politics of the other. Austria undertook to "recognise herself as a German State" and so to frame her policy. That temporary truce came to a finish when Hitler sent for the Austrian Chancellor a month ago.

Exactly what happened at Berchtesgaden we do not know; but we do know that Hitler didn't argue, but commanded. Army and Air Force generals waited significantly in an adjoining room. The truce was over; the psychological moment had come; and the German dictator demanded that the keys of the citadel be handed over to him.

With Seyss-Inquart in virtual command of the police, with Nazis in the Cabinet, the game was up. It was only a question of time before the National Socialist flag flew over the ancient and civilised city of Vienna which once held the Turks at bay and Seyss-Inquart replaced Schuschnigg as Chancellor.

And, as Dollfuss did, Schuschnigg turned his eyes south to Rome when the ultimatum came; but this time no help was forthcoming. The roles are now reversed. The Duce is no longer the power paramount.

Hitler has always had a genius for taking risks at the right moment.

"France and Britain did nothing when I went into the Rhineland," he is reported to have told Schuschnigg. "Do you think they will lift a finger to save you?" He has calculated well.

FOREIGN FLIERS ESCAPE

Japanese Surprise Raid On Hankow

Hankow, Mar. 15. Several American members of the 14th Squadron of China's winged Foreign Legion, had a very narrow escape when the Japanese staged a surprise bombing of the Hankow airfield yesterday evening. One man, who was getting into a cockpit to make a quick getaway, was dressed in street clothes, and his hat blown away by the air blast.

Captain Vincent Schmidt, who was driving at the moment the bombing started, ran his car into a ditch for safety.

During an hour following the bombing, Americans ranged through the town searching for missing friends whom they thought were killed, but all were finally located safe and sound.

Ninety minutes after a "false alarm" had been given, six Japanese bombers made a lightning raid on Hankow yesterday evening, and heavily bombed the air field before the alarm sirens began blowing. They hurriedly made off when searchlights swept the sky and several Chinese planes circled, seeking to land in the field in which several fires burned for half an hour.

The surprise night raid, which was the first Japanese raid since the great air battle on February 18, is regarded as a deliberate ruse. The Japanese planes veered off Kiating as if returning to their base, and then approached from a different direction, eluding the vigilance of the air defence look-outs in the gathering dusk.—United Press.

PLANES RECONNOITRE

Hankow, Mar. 15. Ten Japanese planes were sighted at 11 a.m. yesterday near Siangyang, north-east of Hankow, which flew over Chumien and the Mingkung, Kiangnan railway. But they satisfied themselves with extensive reconnoitring and did no bombing.—Reuter.

Barrister Admitted

Mr. Poon Yan-hoi To Practise Here

Mr. Poon Yan-hoi, B.A. (Oxon), was admitted to practise as a barrister-at-law in Hongkong by the Chief Justice, Sir Althol MacGregor, in the Supreme Court this morning, following an application made by the Acting Attorney-General, Hon. Mr. J. A. Fraser.

Mr. Fraser said: I appear to seek the admission of Mr. Poon under Section 21 of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance, 1911, to practise as a barrister in this Colony. Notice of motion and confirmation by Mr. Poon himself have been filed, and I have here Mr. Poon's certificate of call. He was specially admitted by the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple on October 28, 1933. I also have other certificates testifying to Mr. Poon's work in Chambers with Mr. H. Shanley in the King's Bench Walk, and also a certificate of his having taken the law degree of Bachelor of Arts at Oxford.

Mr. Poon was educated privately in Hongkong, and in 1932 he went to England to pursue his studies. In 1933, he went to Oxford, where he graduated in 1936 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. I have much pleasure in moving that Mr. Poon be admitted to practise in this Colony. His Lordship: Mr. Poon, it gives me very great pleasure to accede to the Attorney-General's request to admit you to practise as a barrister in the local Bar of this Court. It is always a very pleasant occasion for any occupant of the Bench to see that there is another member of his own profession beginning his professional life here. In your case you come from the same University as I and I hope that your life here will be a very successful and happy one. Though there may be not a great deal to do in the earlier cases, there is always any amount of room at the top.

ORDERED OUT OF PREMISES

An order that he must leave his premises immediately was made by Mr. Q. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day when Muk-shing was told that he was a sub-tenant or occupier of No. 52 Kijung Street, for refusing to deliver possession to the owner.

Mr. E. S. C. Brooks represented the complainant and said that about two months ago the principal tenant of No. 52 Kijung Street gave notice to leave the flat. The defendant was a sub-tenant of the flat and he refused to leave although notice was given him to do so. The owner of the house had rented the flat to some other people and they were waiting to take possession but could not do so until the defendant left.

Defendant said he had been given verbal notice to leave only a few days ago.

Mr. Macfadyen was satisfied that the defendant had received notice and ordered him to leave.

No Advantage Taken Of War Refugees

But Land Investment Co. Prospers

The enormous increase in the profits of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., "due to a great extent to the unhappy war in China" was referred to at the 50th ordinary general meeting of shareholders at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. at noon to-day by the Chairman, the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson.

He went on to say that in no instance had the Company taken unfair advantage of the situation.

You will see that the amount at the credit of the Profit and Loss Account is \$100,091.73 more than for 1937 and this is due to a great extent to the unhappy war in China which has brought to the Colony a great number of people requiring office, hotel, and tenement accommodation. In view of various written and verbal statements that have been made, I feel I ought to tell you that in no instance has this Company taken unfair advantage of the situation.

During the year under review "Holland House" at No. 9 Queen's Road, Central, was completed and speedily proved a popular office building. It is really necessary now to re-develop M. L. 278 (1A) Chater Road and 2 Connaught Road, also M. L. 2C (12 and 12A Des Voeux Road, Central) at an early date and sketch plans are already being considered but it is doubtful if anything can be done until there has been a considerable drop in the present high costs of various building materials.

SATISFACTORY RESULTS

The Gloucester Hotel shows a very satisfactory result, and apart from the unusual demand for accommodation to which I have referred previously, I think it can be safely said to have reached a permanent position of attraction to both local residents and transients.

On the debit side you will notice that "donations" appears as a separate item having hitherto been incorporated in "charges" and this is thought advisable owing to the growing number of requests for contributions.

The particularly severe typhoon of last September caused a great deal of damage throughout the Colony and our Company's properties suffered together with others which accounts mainly for the increase of \$13,050.08 in "repairs."

Turning to the Profit and Loss Appropriation Account, you will see that a final dividend of 51 per share is proposed which, together with the interim dividend, makes a total of 102 pence for the year 1937. Having regard to the exceptional profit shown by the working Account of the Gloucester Hotel and recognising the advisability of carrying hotel assets at a conservative figure as possible, it is recommended that the sum of \$50,000 is appropriated to write down furniture, fittings and fixtures although the full scale of annual depreciation has been charged.

I now beg to propose that the report and statement of accounts, as presented, be adopted. When this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer, to the best of my ability, any questions that Shareholders may wish to raise.

SHAREHOLDERS GRATEFUL

Mr. D. V. Stevenson seconded, and expressed the gratitude of the shareholders to the directors, secretary and staff for a successful year. The report and accounts were approved.

On the motion of Mr. H. W. Dulle, seconded by Mr. R. Grieve, Mr. S. T. Williamson and Mr. Felix Joseph were re-elected Directors.

On the motion of Mr. J. A. Tarrant seconded by Mr. J. R. White, Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth Fleming, and Messrs. Lindsay & Davis were re-elected auditors.

There were present at the meeting: Messrs. Hon. J. J. Paterson (Chairman), A. Raymond, A. H. Compton, S. T. Williamson, T. E. Pearce (Directors); Messrs. O. E. Eager (Secretary), H. W. Dulle, R. Grieve, A. J. R. White, A. Urquhart, G. Gompertz, A. C. Wilcox, B. C. Field, J. A. Tarrant, H. Summers, G. W. Grey, D. V. Stevenson.

A meeting was afterwards held of the Hongkong Iron Mining Co. Ltd., which ceased working some years ago but still meets formally each year as it has not legally been dissolved. Those present were: Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson (Chairman), Messrs. A. Raymond, A. H. Compton (Directors), H. W. Dulle, R. Grieve, A. J. R. White, A. Urquhart, G. Gompertz, G. Murdoch, A. C. Wilcox (Shareholders), O. Eager (Secretary).

Chamberlain At Palace After Cabinet Meets

London, Mar. 14. The Cabinet meeting this morning lasted three-quarters of an hour, during which the Austrian situation was discussed. The French Ambassador and the German Charge d'Affaires called at the Foreign Office separately. Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, was received in audience by His Majesty at Buckingham Palace, and remained in lunch.—Reuter Bulletin.

CZECHO-SLOVAKIA WILL FIGHT

Washington, Mar. 14. M. Hurban, Czecho-Slovakian Minister to the United States, informed Mr. Sumner Welles of the State Department that Czecho-Slovakia would fight to the last against Germany attempting to invade her soil. He said that Czecho-Slovakia fully realised the danger since Germany's proclamation of the Anschluss, but they were weighing the situation calmly.

He said that he had been informed that Germany had notified Czecho-Slovakia that German troops would remain 15 miles from the Czecho-Slovakian border, and this was indicated to mean that such massing constituted a safety zone and a good influence.—United Press.

EUROPEAN HELD IN OPIUM CASE

Jens Kragberg Nielsen, 25, assistant engineer, and William Lai, 27, assistant comprador, both of the s.s. Mai Nam, were separately charged before Mr. K. M. A. Barnett at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day with unlawful possession of prepared opium and attempting to export opium on March 13.

Both the men were remanded for 24 hours as they had intimated to the officer in charge of the case, Det. Sergeant B. V. Hutchinson, that they wished to consult solicitors.

Mr. C. Y. Kwan was in Court and made it known that he was keeping a watching brief in the case, which is to be taken summarily, on behalf of the guarantor of the comprador of the Mai Nam.

It is understood that the steamer is of the East Asiatic Company, and is under charter of the China Navigation Company, Ltd.

U.S. To Build Gigantic Battleships

Washington, Mar. 14. It is authoritatively stated that the United States has decided to invoke the escalator clause, regardless of other powers' decisions.

This decision is reflected in the Navy Department's indications that the two ships authorized in the 1937-1938 appropriations will probably exceed 40,000 tons each.

Officials evaded direct answers to questions regarding building plans. However, it is understood that the recent negotiations in London between the United States, Britain and France dealt with larger battleships.

Britain And Palestine Immigration

London, Mar. 14. The Colonial Secretary stated the Government's decisions regarding immigration into Palestine in a House of Commons answer. The Government decided that there had been no such change in the situation since August, as would justify the withdrawal from the High Commissioner of the powers of prescription conferred on him, and that their validity should be extended once the boundaries under the partition scheme had been defined and that entry of Jewish immigrants should be regulated by the principle of economic absorptive capacity.—British Wireless.

OXFORD CREW ON FULL COURSE TRIAL

Oxford's boat race crew to-day rowed a full course trial from Putney to Mortlake, a distance of 4 1/4 miles in 20 minutes 31 seconds.—Reuter Bulletin.

TWO WORKMEN BADLY HURT

Wong Kui, 33, a fitter at the Kowloon Dock, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital yesterday suffering from injuries to the head caused by falling on the anchor of the Kulsang while the ship was in dry dock.

Tsui Fook, 18, was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital with a crushed hand suffered while working on machinery at 88 Jaffe Road.

SWEEPED RICE OFF DECK

Found on a sampan in West Point harbour yesterday with 422 pounds of rice, a youth named Wong Yau, 17, was charged before Mr. K. M. A. Barnett at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day with unlawful possession. He was bound over for a year to be of good behaviour for a year. Wong said that he had spent half a day sweeping the rice from the deck of a ship into four sacks.

Washington Socialists Demonstrate

Demand Boycott Of Nazi Goods

Washington, Mar. 14. Thirty-five members of the Young People's Socialist League demonstrated before the German Embassy for half an hour before the police dispersed them to-day.

They carried a banner which read: "Red Vienna will rise again. Boycott Nazi goods."

Meanwhile Administration officials study of the latest German reports are too sketchy to justify official comment.

The Polish Ambassador conferred with President Roosevelt, while the Czecho-Slovakian Minister talked with Mr. Sumner Welles.—United Press.

DRIVERS FINED FOR FAILING TO DIM HEADLIGHTS

OFFENCES ON NIGHT OF "BLACK-OUT"

Many motorists were summoned before Mr. H. R. Butters at the Central Magistracy this morning, in connection with the recent "black-out" on February 28. The summonses alleged that they had failed to comply with the regulations issued by the Commissioner of Police.

A fine of \$10 was imposed on Mr. R. Kote, who, Traffic Inspector S. C. Saunders stated, was driving along Pedder Street and had made no attempt to screen his lights, which had no covering whatever.

Mr. Kwan Hok-nin, was fined \$15. He was stated to have been driving a car that had been stopped a few hours before by the police, and at 9.40 p.m. still had the lights unobscured.

Fines of \$10 were imposed on Mr. Kenneth A. Pang, Mr. Sin Ping-sun, Mr. Sit Tak-choy, and Mr. Shing Chiu-sow for failing to shade their lights. Another driver, Mr. Ho Chak, was fined \$5, as he only had his near-side headlight on.

The driver of a Hongkong Electric Company lorry, Yun Yee, was summoned for driving without due care and caution in Island Road on March 1, and was fined \$15 on admitting the offence.

BUS DRIVER CONVICTED

A bus driver, Ip Ying-wah, denied two summonses for driving without due care and caution in Connaught Road Central on February 18, and failing to produce his driving licence, on the same date. Sub-inspector Si Wai-ming stated that he was standing by the traffic post opposite Jubilee Street when he saw a private motor car draw up as the light was against it. A motor bus driven by defendant drew on the left of the car, but as the light gave the private car the signal to proceed, and it had moved forward, defendant also started his bus and swung round in front of the car. Defendant denied that he had started after the other car had moved, but was convicted and fined a total of \$15 on the two summonses. Alleged to have driven on the right hand side of Arsenal Street at 11.30 a.m. on February 28, Mr. N. N. Nuta, was fined \$5. Acting Sub-inspector B. G. Baker said Mr. Nuta drove on the wrong side of the road at a time when the road was full of traffic, and a tramcar was heading east.

Mr. J. Middleton-Smith, summoned for causing an obstruction with his car in the east side of Duddell Street on February 26, was fined \$5. Traffic Sergeant Eryce said defendant only had a permit to park on the west side of the street.

Chung Wong-yau, a bus driver, was fined \$5 for sounding his horn unnecessarily in Pedder Street.

Strive For Settlement At Dockyard

The Talkoo Dockyard and Engineering Company officially announced this morning that Chinese workmen had definitely refused to go to work in the Asama Maru, recently refitted after being wrecked in the typhoon of September 2.

The company hopes to localise the strike, and to effect an early settlement, however.

There is no excitement at the yards.

NO SETTLEMENT YET

"There is a reasonable chance of the matter being settled soon," said Mr. E. A. C. North, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, when he was questioned by the Hongkong Telegraph to-day on the Chung Hwa Book Company strike.

It had been hoped to effect a settlement to-day but discussions have not yet been completed, and will continue this afternoon.

RADIO BROADCAST

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ROTARY TIFFIN SPEECH

Radio Programme Broadcast by Z.B.W. on frequencies of 845 k.c.s. 9.32 m.c.s. per second. I.I.K.T.

12.00-12.20 p.m. Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Rite de Costa (Piano). "Four Aces" Suite (Billy Mayerl): (1) Ace of Clubs; (2) Ace of Diamonds; (3) Ace of Hearts; (4) Ace of Spades.

12.42 De Groot and His Orchestra. "Le Millions D'Arlequin" (Drigo); Old Spanish Song (Louis Aubert); The Temple Bells (Amy Woodford-Finden); Fantasia On Scottish Airs (Arr. Milder).

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Walter Glynn (Tenor) and Light Orchestra.

For You Only—Serenade (Boulangier); Let Us Dream—Serenade (Carl Robrecht); George Boulanger and His Orchestra; I'll Walk Beside You (Lockie—Alan Murray); The Valley Where Wishes Come True (Eatherley—Elliot); Walter Glynn; Fairy-Wood Parade—Intermezzo (P. W. Noack); Nonpallian Serenade (Gerhard Winkler); Joe Bund and His Orchestra; Old Rustle Bridge (The Mill (Skelly); Walter Glynn; Granada (Aiseniz); Lordea (Aiseniz); Orquesta Odeon conducted by Miro Godes.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 Rotary Tiffin Speech relayed from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel. Speaker: C. Champkin, Esq., Subject: "Citizen Constables."

2.15 Close Down.

6.00-7.00 Chinese Programme.

7.00 Dance Music.

Dance Orchestra—Gonna Goo—Fox-Trot (Young-Ress-Ahlert) Big Chief "Swing It"—Fox-Trot (Film: "The Joy Parade"); Nat Gonella and His Georgians; Piano Solo—Wabash Blues—Quickstep (Melnick) Rosetta—Slow Fox-Trot (Hines-Woods); Gerry Moore, (Piano) with String, Bass and Drums; Dance Orchestra—Cocktail—Swing—Fox-Trot (Fryman-Fagerlund-Conrads); Blues In My Heart—Fox-Trot (Carter-Mills); Nat Gonella and His Georgians; Dance Orchestra—Im Gettin' Sentimental Over You—Swing Step (Washington-Bassman); Stry-Quickstep (Strauss-Dale); Victory Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra.

7.25 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.30 London Relay—Round Hyde Park.

A talk by E. L. Turnbull.

7.45 Concert Waltzes.

Carmen Sylva (Ivanovitch); "Eva" (From Operetta "Eva"—Lehar, arr. Smetana); International Concert Orchestra; Sango D'Aulomme (Joyce). After The Ball (Harris); Orchestra Mascotte.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Old English Music and Elizabethan Love Songs by Eva Turner (Soprano) with Lindsay A. Lafford at the Piano.

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Dance Orchestra—Gonna Goo—Fox-Trot (Young-Ress-Ahlert) Big Chief "Swing It"—Fox-Trot (Film: "The Joy Parade"); Nat Gonella and His Georgians; Piano Solo—Wabash Blues—Quickstep (Melnick) Rosetta—Slow Fox-Trot (Hines-Woods); Gerry Moore, (Piano) with String, Bass and Drums; Dance Orchestra—Cocktail—Swing—Fox-Trot (Fryman-Fagerlund-Conrads); Blues In My Heart—Fox-Trot (Carter-Mills); Nat Gonella and His Georgians; Dance Orchestra—Im Gettin' Sentimental Over You—Swing Step (Washington-Bassman); Stry-Quickstep (Strauss-Dale); Victory Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra.

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After All These Years—Slow Fox-Trot... Jack Wilson and His Versatile Five; Piano Solo—A Foggy Day (From "Damsel In Distress"); By The Sweat Of Your Brow (Mack-Reid-Blake)... Leslie Hutchinson; Dance Orchestra—Roses In December—Slow Fox-Trot (Film: Life of the Party); Put Me Behind Bars—Fox-Trot (Ramona, Kennedy and Carr)... Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orpheans with vocal chorus; Piano Solo—Waltz Medley Fox-Trot (Medley)... Billy Thorburn (with Medley)... The Carewicks; Operetta In Brief (Lehar-Jenbach-Reichert); Herbert E. Groh (Tenor); Treas Rudolph (Soprano) with Chorus and Orchestra; Vocal—In The Mission By The Sea (Hill-De Roo); Mine Alone (O'Connor-Silver-de Murcia)... Brian Lawrence with Fred Hartley and His Orchestra; Vocal—Tux in Me (Wever-Schwarz-Agar)... A Little Rumble In Springtime With You (Rollen-Jurmen-Sarony)... Greta Keller with Fred Hartley and His Orchestra; Dance Orchestra—My Kinda Love (Forrest-Alter); And... Blue... (Clarke-Alter); Piano Solo—Lindsay A. Lafford.

Vocal Refrain; Dance Orchestra—Stop! You're Breakin' My Heart—Swing Step; (From "Artists and Models")... Jack White and His Colleagues from the Astoria Ballroom with vocal refrain. 11.00 Close Down.

OIL THIEVES TAKEN For larceny of 20 pounds of wood oil from the yard of the Kowloon Canton Railway yesterday two men, Cheung Ngau, 17, and Chan Somel, 22, were fined \$150 or, in default, three months' hard labour at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day. For trespassing they were fined a further \$10.

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ARMY PLAYERS DEFEATED IN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

CHINESE SCORE VICTORIES IN OPEN DOUBLES

H. D. RUMJAHN THROUGH IN STRAIGHT SETS

(By "Abe")

Of the six matches down for decision in the Colony Tennis Championships at the Hongkong C. C. yesterday, only four were played. Once again, the standard was disappointing; but one has got used to this by now, and it will probably take quarter-final matches to produce anything like good tennis.

Neither of the two singles was specially interesting. H. D. Rumjahn, the present champion, got through as expected at the expense of S. A. Hussain. Play in the opening games was chiefly featured by the stout resistance put up by the entrant from the Kowloon Indian T.C., but he quickly tired out and Rumjahn, without unduly exerting himself, won in straight sets.

In the only other singles tie, between two club-mates, T. A. Pearce and T. C. Monaghan, it was a case of the "fitter man wins." The two contestants were fairly well-matched, but Pearce's youth and fitness gave him a definite superiority which was emphasised in the final set when he won without a struggle at all. Monaghan's good fight in the second set took too much out of him and he was a tired man at the finish.

AGE AGAINST YOUTH

Two Army officers, Major L. A. Newnham and Major F. T. Baines, tried to overcome the handicap of age against youth when they met Paul Kong and Lee Wal-long, but they failed, though not before putting up a gallant fight. Had their strokes been backed up by a little more sting, victory for Newnham and Baines would have been very likely in view of the poor form shown by the Chinese pair, who had earned a high opinion in their previous match. But though they knew where to put the ball, Newnham and Baines seldom could convert their shots into outright winners; more often than not, Kong and Lee were able to retrieve them.

Another asset which the Chinese combination had was Kong's service which pulled them out of many a tight corner. On occasions Kong was very severe and scored many aces in the course of the match, but in the other phases of the game, he was not so reliable, his volleying and smashing failing to come up to scratch. Lee made fewer mistakes, but this was due in part to the fact that he seldom attempted anything brilliant. Actually the Army officers had a lead of 4-1 in the first set, but Kong came to the rescue in the next game by winning his service. After allowing their opponents to draw level, Newnham and Baines went ahead again, only to lose the next three games. A little more steadiness at this stage probably would have given them the set inasmuch as Kong and Lee were definitely shaky.

The second stanza was a ding-dong affair. Once more Newnham and Baines led at a vital stage, 6-5, but failed to press home their advantage and the Chinese pair won out at 8-6. The form shown by Kong and Lee was far from convincing.

SECOND CHINESE SUCCESS

Another Chinese success over the Army was scored when F. H. Kwok and S. W. Liang overcame Capt. L. J. C. Loch and J. M. Tomlinson in straight sets. By maintaining a steady standard of play, Kwok and

Liang found their task made easy by the errors of their opponents. Tomlinson revealed a good volley, but Loch's netplay failed badly on several occasions. The Chinese pair kept to the base-line and were very safe in their ground strokes.

Scores: Singles.—H. D. Rumjahn beat S. A. Hussain, 6-3, 6-2; T. A. Pearce beat T. C. Monaghan, 6-3, 5-7, 6-0.

Doubles.—F. H. Kwok and S. W. Liang beat J. L. C. Loch and J. M. Tomlinson, 6-4, 6-3; Paul Kong and Lee Wal-long beat L. A. Newnham and F. T. Baines, 7-5, 8-0.

TO DAY'S PROGRAMME

Singles.—S. A. Rumjahn v. W. A. Lord; Wong Shiu-wing v. R. H. Rump; E. C. Fincher v. A. Crawford. Doubles.—A. V. Gosano and A. V. Remedios v. H. A. Barros and J. Goncalves.

Club handicap singles.—D. S. Robb v. A. D. Humphreys; A. T. Dow v. H. D. Bidwell; W. Sander v. A. H. McBride.

Club handicap doubles.—J. Rodger and C. W. E. Bishop v. Nicholson and Harvey; H. J. Armstrong and M. H. Turner v. G. W. Sewell and T. C. Monaghan.

BOXER PLEADS GAMING ACT

And Gains Judgment

London, Feb. 17.

Nel Tarleton, former British featherweight boxing champion, pleaded the Gaming Act, at Liverpool Assizes yesterday, and gained judgment on an £887 betting claim against him.

The claim, brought by Stafford and Company, of Liverpool, concerned bets at last year's Ascot races.

Mr. Leo Gradwell, for the bookmakers, said that Tarleton's defence consisted of two paragraphs: First, Tarleton denied that any account was stated to him; and, second, he pleaded the Gaming Act.

"Those who instruct me," continued Mr. Gradwell, "say they cannot believe that such a plan will be persisted in by one who is so well-known in sporting circles."

"Tarleton wrote, 'I would esteem it a favour if you could leave my account over for the time being. Having purchased a business recently, I am a little short.'"

Mr. Gerton Gorman, for Tarleton, submitted that Tarleton, as a champion, was possibly a good prey for bookmakers.



BRADDOCK QUITS RING—James J. Braddock, New Jersey longshoreman whose rise to heavyweight boxing champion, before his defeat by Louis, made dramatic ring history, has announced he is retiring as a fighter, to become a boxing manager. He is shown, left, at a New York gymnasium with Jack Dempsey, right, and their respective proteges, Bob Tow and Red Burman.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HOCKEY TRIAL

Sir,—It is pretty long that the Hockey Representatives for various countries have been selected to raise representative sides for the forthcoming International Hockey Tournament, and since then majority of the prospective participants either have selected their teams and are practicing, or are in the process of doing so by way of holding trials.

It is rather surprising to note that the Indian Hockey Representative is scrupulously keeping quiet and do not seem to have moved into the matter, so much so that not even a single practice game has been arranged so far, nor the names of the players are announced.

As the Tournament is drawing closer something must be done in the way of forming a Selection Committee and holding a trial or arranging a practice match or two in order to facilitate the selection of the team.

Will the Indian Hockey Representative do something to keep up the honour and tradition of India in the world of Sports and act before it is too late?

AN INDIAN HOCKEY LOVER.

(India's team has already been chosen. It is announced elsewhere in this issue.—Sports Editor.)

Kent Desire Batsmen To Attack

Kent County Cricket Club committee are constructive in their criticism of the team's play during the 1937 season.

Praise is given for the brightest August Kent cricket for years, but reference is made to the unusual number of "backing up" in the field, and risky habit of stopping the ball with the feet.

Emphasis is given to the value of attacking methods by batsmen and asks players not to overdo back play.

Deficit on the year was £1,018, against £1,849 in 1936. Amey's total realised £1,107. Total attendances, increased by 7,000, but scale of admission was lower.



King Gustaf of Sweden. In spite of his 66 years, he is still a very good tennis player. Here he is seen with Karl Schroder, the prominent Swedish tennis player.

Cricket Notes

By "R. Abbie"

Navy Juniors Congratulated On Fine Feat Win Shield With Close Victory Over Varsity

My heartiest congratulations to the Navy second eleven and to their indefatigable Secretary, Lt. Commdr. D'Arcy Evans. Speaking subject to correction, it is the first time the Navy have ever won the Junior Division Shield and that they should do so when so many ships have been absent for the greater part of the season reflects great credit on their players.

It occurs to me that possibly the lack of personnel has, by narrowing the field from which players can be chosen, been somewhat of a blessing in disguise as it has tended to produce a more regular standard than has been available in recent years. The secret of their success I fancy, is the fact that they had—most of the time anyway—three quite good bowlers. Church and Jeffery have been most useful and besides his batting Hutley can bowl very successfully on occasions. The batting has been rather weak but as a rule there has been at least one man to get runs and they all could hang on. Their closest call was against Craigengower when they had very much the worst of a draw up at King's Park—staying off defeat by one wicket if my memory serves me.

THE DEFEAT OF CRAIGENGOWER

The defeat of the Craigengower second eleven was somewhat of a surprise to me as I had rather expected a draw. It was rather an "irish" match, however. Diverted by, according to the score sheet, went in number ten had top scores, except for extras, with 19, but there were five other double figure scores for the Club. Craigengower could only manage four altogether and they were beaten. I don't quite know why it was said to be by 15 runs. The published scores are 123 for the Club and 108 for Craigengower. They add up correctly in any case and the difference is 15 runs! It is interesting to note that the difference in extras scored accounts for 16 of them.

A CLOSE FINISH

Turning to the details of the game in which the Navy beat the Varsity, it is surprising how small the scores were and what a close thing in the end it turned out to be. With only 103 to get Tsui and Fong failed to make their accustomed first wicket stand and 9 wickets were down for sixty-two when C. H. Teoh was joined by Singh. The latter played excellently; I am told, and the score mounted steadily to 100 when Church got one past Teoh. It was a gallant finish.

Turning back to the Senior Division of the League there is not very much to be said about the match between the Hongkong Cricket Club and Craigengower. However, but for a very fine innings of 88 by Owen Hughes there might have been a very different story as the two opening Club batsmen failed. As usual, Billings bowled very steadily and took 5 for 82 while Zimmerman had 3 for 45.

Craigengower had just a hundred runs in 170 runs, by no means an impossible task on the small ground, especially as the Club bow-

WONG AND HUI TO CLASH IN FINAL MATCH

THRILLING BADMINTON SEEN LAST EVENING

As a result of the semi-final matches played last evening on the Taikoo R.C. court, P. H. Wong (holder) will meet P. K. Hui in the final of the Colony Singles Badminton Championship next week.

While Wong won his match in two straight games, Hui at one time was in danger of defeat but a fine recovery when all seemed lost saw him through against C. Au, of the Chinese Y.M.C.A.

Playing against a club-mate, S. Y. Hon, the champion started off very shakily and made an unusual number of mistakes. Thanks mainly to Wong's errors, Hon ran off to a lead of 0-1, but thereafter Wong steeled down considerably and was never troubled again.

Obviously outclassed, Hon nevertheless gave a plucky display and put up a better fight than the scores of 15-8, 15-5 would suggest.

THRILLING STRUGGLE

It was the second match of the evening, however, which provided the thrills. Hui was so off form in the first and in the beginning of the second game that a walk-over for Au appeared likely. After winning the first game at 15-5, Au started the second as if he meant to make short work of the University stalwart. Up to this stage, Hui had not shown a single glimpse of his true standard, but he galvanized into sudden action from this point and the remainder of this game was memorable for the

shall be very interested to hear when this forthcoming game will take place. Quite frankly I do not see anything but a draw if it is a half day game.

A SPIRITED MATCH

It was just like the luck of the Civil Service that the Army, after having turned out a shadow side against Craigengower the week before, put out an uncommonly good one, especially as far as batting is concerned, on Saturday last. Hatfield was a notable absentee and I understand he has damaged his knee. To Civil Service batted first and Perry and Baker both came off with the bat scoring between them the first game a lot of 150 at 83 runs out of a total of 159 at which score they declared with 8 wickets down. I notice that there were 22 extras which seems pretty heavy.

To add to the bad luck of the Civil Service they were without McLellan, who had some school sports on and could not play. It was extremely bad luck as it reduced their bowling for all practicable purposes to Baker and Perry and undoubtedly they lost the match for this reason. Woodson and Berrill started the trouble and then Gobby, who is making a lot of runs just now, hit up 55 before being caught at the wicket. They just managed to get the runs before time.

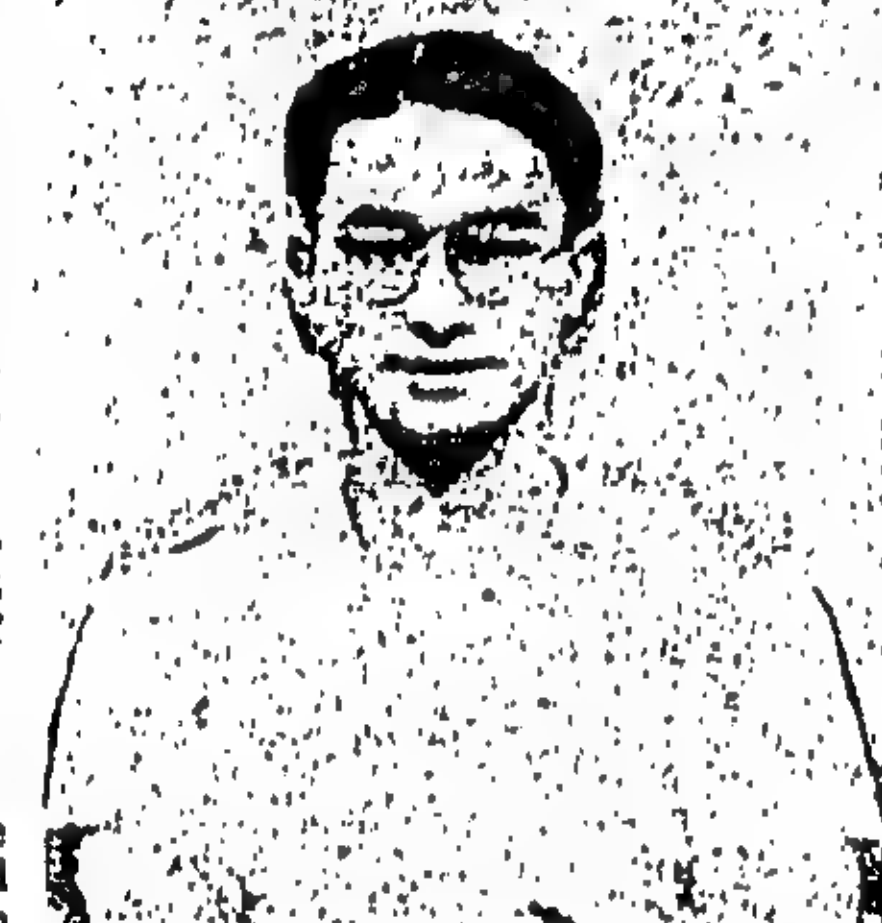
Although the Civil Service have actually only scored 4 points they have really had a much more successful season than the figures would show. They have suffered in two things, one is that they have only three bowlers and the other is that none of their last four or five batsmen can be relied upon to make a single run. This does somewhat complicate the position. However, I understand that a great effort will be made to make use of all available talent next year. It is a pity that all Civil Servants do not play for the team. The Civil Service had also the further bad luck of losing Griffiths' service for the second half of this season. If he ever settles down and plays steadily through all the matches I feel sure that he will get a lot of runs.

THE RECREIO WIN

For some reason or other although the Navy did not have such a bad side, they completely went to bits in their first league encounter with Recreio on the Navy ground. It was a low scoring match. Both E. L. Gosano and W. A. Reed were out early to Chaleroft who bowled uncommonly well all through and took 5 wickets for 27 runs. The only man to do any good at all was E. M. L. Soares who carried his bat from second wicket through the innings for 53. Set with only 118 runs to get to win the Navy never looked like doing it. Wilson, who I believe played for Harrow, didn't get going and Nave was the only man to make double figures on the side. Whilmarsh had one of his few failures. The Navy wind up at the bottom of the table but they have not had anything like a fair chance this year, and it was very sporting of them to continue to play under such difficulties. They lost one match less than the Civil Service but they drew two more and had no victory.

OTHER GAMES

Space does not permit the discussion of other games now but I shall hope to refer to other second league games and a couple of Sunday matches in my article next Friday. I shall hope to know something about the decision re the play of the Navy.



P. H. Wong, last year's champion, has reached the final again. He now meets P. K. Hui of the University.

bitterness of the struggle. Down 5-10, Hui drew level and finally had four set points before he annexed it. He was made to fight every inch of the way.

There was no stopping Hui then. Playing with a new-found confidence, it was he who dictated terms in the deciding game. On the other hand, Au appeared disheartened by this sudden change in the fortunes of the match and was not able to withstand the undergraduate's onslaught. Compared with the excitement of the second game, the third was an anticlimax. Hui led 10-1 at one stage and went out at 15-5.

Scores: P. H. Wong beat S. Y. Hon 15-8; 15-5. P. K. Hui beat C. Au 15-5; 15-13; 15-5.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE'S JUBILEE

Effort To Raise Fund Of £100,000

Full details of the Football League scheme to raise a £100,000 Jubilee Fund will soon be circulated to clubs. Mr. C. E. Sutcliffe, president of the League, said a few days ago that the scheme had so far received no financial backing.

"We have received nothing," stated Mr. Sutcliffe, "and we do not expect until details are made known. We have to evolve a scheme to raise £100,000 by the end of the next season, not in ten years' time."

In connection with this scheme it has already been decided to play a full League programme of matches before next season opens.

The whole of the receipts from these matches, which will not necessarily be between clubs in the same division of the League, will go to swell the fund.

Player-Writer Golf Problem Discussed

A proposal to define professionalism in different terms from the R. and A. Club was heavily defeated (the voting was 30 for and 551 against) at the annual meeting of the Ladies' Golf Union in London recently.

The motion, proposed by Surrey and seconded by Kent, sought to exclude players who gave instruction in the game by writing from the professional ban.

Miss Doris Clark, chairman of the executive council, pointed out that the R. and A. had under review the whole question of amateur status, and if the delegates adopted the resolution the break with the R. and A. would create a dreadful position.

Mr. Norman Bone, chairman of the Rules of Golf Committee and a vice-president of the Ladies' Golf Union, said that the R. and A. had written to clubs in all parts of the world for their views, and he did not think it possible to get all the replies until next autumn.

PONY AUCTION POSTPONED

The public roup of race ponies, originally arranged to take place at the Hongkong Jockey Club paddock at Happy Valley at 11 a.m. to-day, has been postponed to tomorrow at the same time and place.

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I—DEMOCRACY

WHAT does democracy mean? It is not easy to say. So many people have defined it, praised it, and attacked it, that the word is like a hat that has lost its shape because everybody wears it.

"To-day so many attack it." Why? It is said that the people are stupid, ignorant and uninterested in politics; that they do not want to think about public affairs, still less to decide them; that all they ask of the State is that it should tell them what to think and what to do, and provide them with enough money to go to football matches, the movies and the dogs. Leadership, in fact, in public life and easy amusement in private!

I do not believe a word of it. Democracy rests upon two principles. The first, that only the wearer knows where the shoe pinches; the second, that the wearer should, therefore, choose his shoe.

That he may on occasion choose badly is not to the point. The point is that he cannot allow others to choose for him. For one thing the teaching of history has made plain, it is that human beings are not angelic enough to be entrusted with power over the lives and liberties of other human beings, particularly over those who offend them by criticism or opposition.

For, gaining power with the best intentions, men are, it seems, corrupted by its exercise and proceed to use it in the interests not of the community, but of themselves, treating their subjects not as ends, but as means to the gratification of their own ambitions.

Twentieth century human nature is a loose, untidy, ample sort of growth, full of unacknowledged needs and unsuspected oddities. And just as a foot which has corns, cannot, without unhappiness to its owner, be thrust into a perfectly shaped shoe, so a community of imperfect human beings cannot, without unhappiness, be thrust into the strait-jacket of perfectly conceived laws.

We must, then, cut our legislative coat according to the cloth of human nature, which means that we must cut it for ourselves.

For centuries our ancestors fought for this right against power, against privilege and against the passive obstruction of vested interests. Eventually they triumphed and won for all men the right to have a voice in determining the sort of community in which they should live, and framing the laws by which they should be governed.

It is our duty to see to it that we do not through short-sightedness—for the benefits of democracy are long-term benefits—or impatience—for the workings of democracy are slow—or indifference—for democracy makes no spectacular appeal to the imagination—throw away the heritage which our ancestors bequeathed to us.

II—LIBERTY

"YOU SEE," said Macaulay, when a French pamphlet in praise of liberty was shown to him, "in England we take all that for granted."

Macaulay was speaking over a hundred years ago, but his words are as true to-day as when he spoke them; perhaps even truer, for we have enjoyed another hundred years of liberty.

Liberty is a good thing, but its enjoyment is negative, rather than positive.

When we have it, we do not realise that we have it; we realise it, and realise that it is a good thing, only when we are deprived of it. In this sense liberty is like health or air. We normally value health only when we have lost it, or, having lost it, have just regained it, when the memory of illness is still vividly with us.

Similarly with air; we value it only if it is taken from us, when we value it so much that we proceed to die, unless it is restored to us. So men normally value liberty only when it is denied to them; but its denial is a denial of all that makes life worth living, so that the spirit of the prisoner cries out for liberty, and again for liberty, as the lungs of the man who is choking cry out for air; for liberty is the air of the spirit.

If men and women are not free to think as they please, they lose their title to humanity; for it is by our power of thinking that we are chiefly distinguished from the beasts.

The man who may at any moment be arrested without warrant, imprisoned without trial and left to languish in prison at the pleasure of the Government, lives under the shadow of a fear which takes all the sweetness from his life. For men live in society that they may have security, and there is no security where liberty depends upon the fiat of unchecked authority. Nor is it an answer to say that the welfare of the State demands

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the suppression of certain individual freedoms; the freedom, for example, to criticise the Government. For the welfare of the State is nothing apart from the good of the citizens who compose it.

It is no doubt true that a State whose citizens are compelled to go right is more efficient than one whose citizens are free to go wrong. But what then? To sacrifice freedom in the interests of efficiency, is to sacrifice what confers upon human beings their humanity.

It is no doubt easy to govern a flock of sheep; but there is no credit in the governing, and, if the sheep were born as men, no virtue in the sheep.

III—INDIVIDUALITY

WHAT is a man for, or what, as the Greeks would have put it, is the true end of man? We do not, the fact must be admitted, know. But there is one thing upon which that part of mankind which still accepts Christ's teaching is agreed; it is that man's "end" includes at least the maximum development of his personality.

We expect it, in other words, of a man that he should develop his faculties to their utmost capacity, utilise his powers to the full, and realise all that he has in him to be; that he should, in short, become as completely as possible himself.

And since he cannot do these things alone, it is the business of the community to help him to do them. It is, then, the business of the community to make the good life possible for all its citizens: not any sort of life, but the sort of life that seems to men individually to be good.

Now the principle of individualism insists that each citizen must be able to form his ideals, to choose his way of life for himself. Stubbornly the citizen of a democracy will resist the right of any to impose upon him his way of life from above.

"The purpose of our training is to enable us to fight, for fighting is the duty and chief glory of man. He who does not want to fight is not fit to live." This announcement made and repeated daily by hundreds at one of the new Nazi educational establishments, admirably illustrates the conception of the imposition of the "good life" from above. The good life, in fact, consists of fighting, whether the individual likes it or not.

Now, it is the essence of individualism that no man should be in a position to dictate to another how he should live, or what ideals he should set before himself.

And if no man, then also no form of government. The State, then, is not entitled to impose its conception of the good life upon its citizens. All that it may do is to establish the conditions in which the living of the good life by its citizens is possible.

One government insists that a citizen is a drop of blood in an ocean of racial purity; another that he is a cog in a proletarian machine; another that he is an ant in a heap of ants. Individualism asserts, on the contrary, that he is a soul, possibly immortal, existing primarily in and for himself, and not for the sake of anything other than himself.

I do not know how to prove this; but to deny it is to blaspheme against the dignity of man and degrade him to the level of a slave.

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NATIONAL ANTHEM: NEW RULE

Southern Command orders recently issued give special instructions to Army bands about playing the National Anthem when civilians are singing it. The orders say:

"With reference to King's Regulations, 1935, it has frequently occurred that when Army bands are used to accompany the public during the singing of the National Anthem, a difference is apparent in the notation of the last line of the Anthem.

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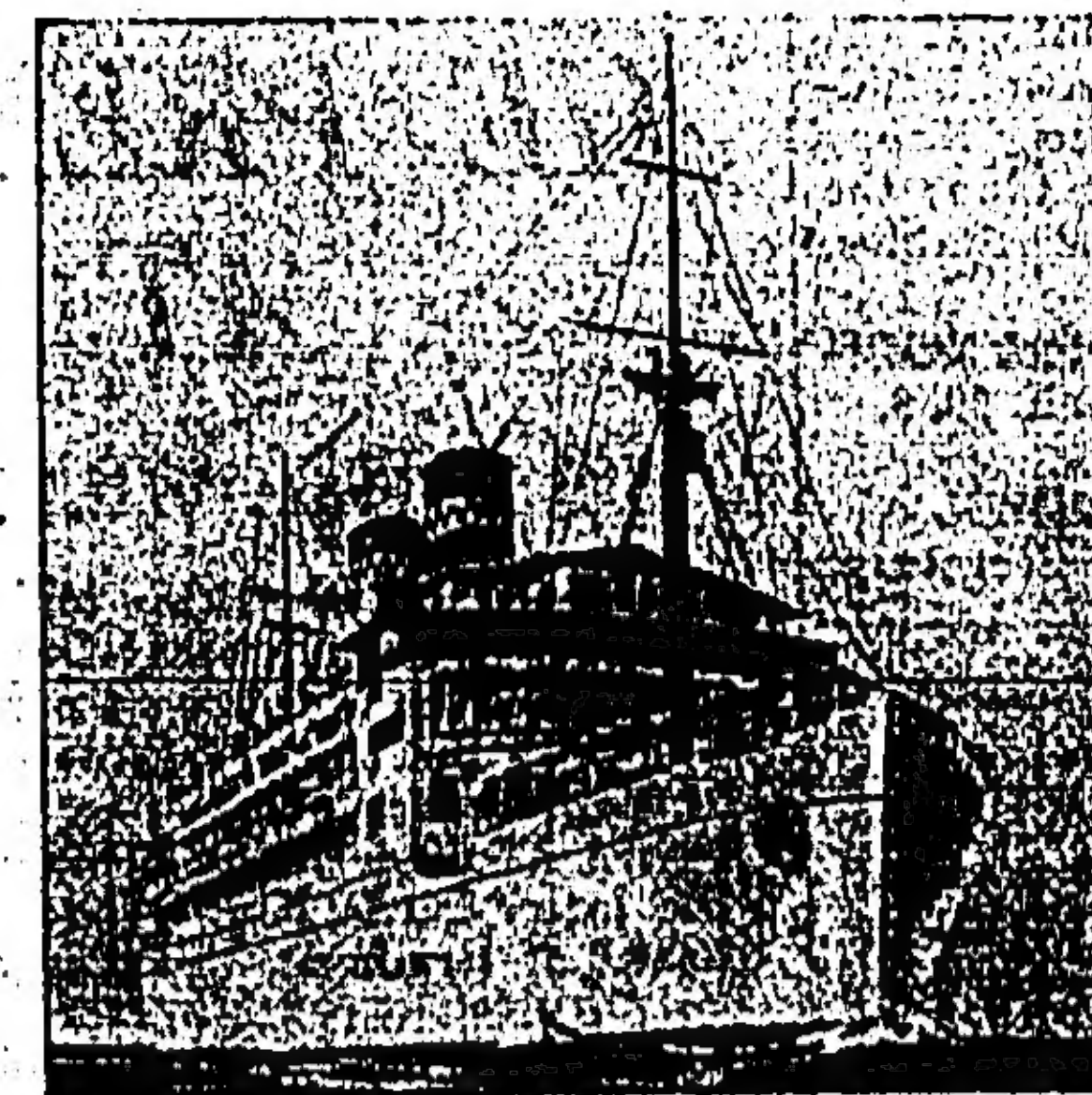
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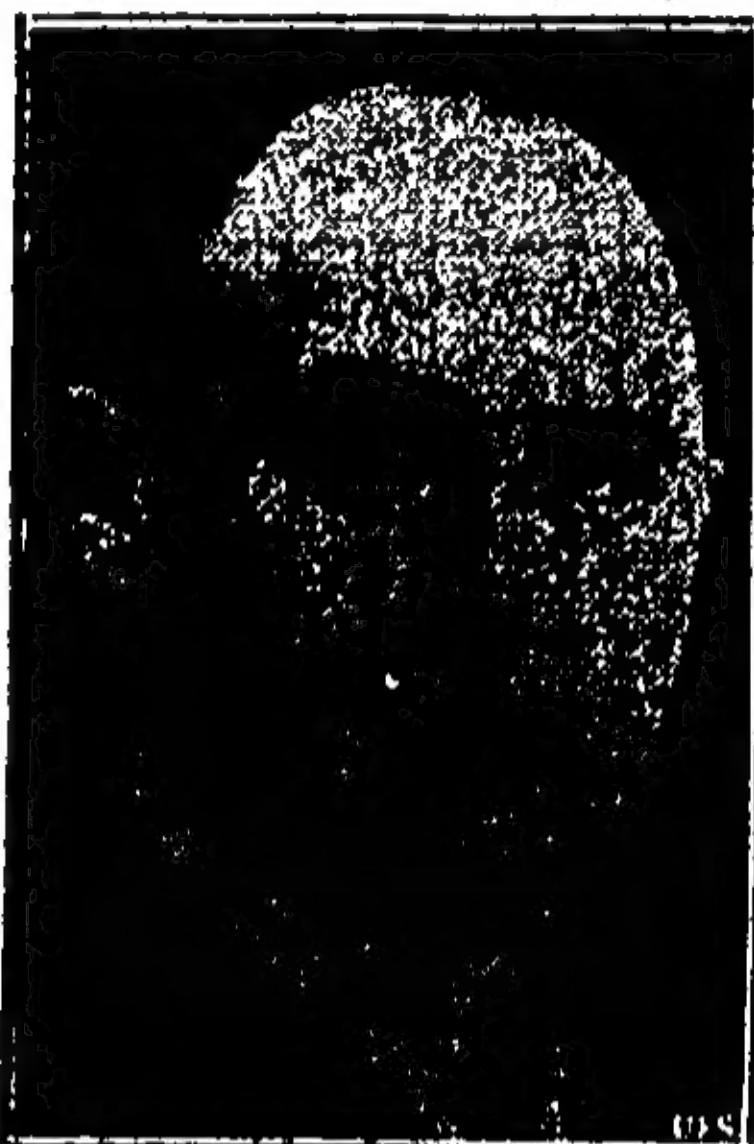
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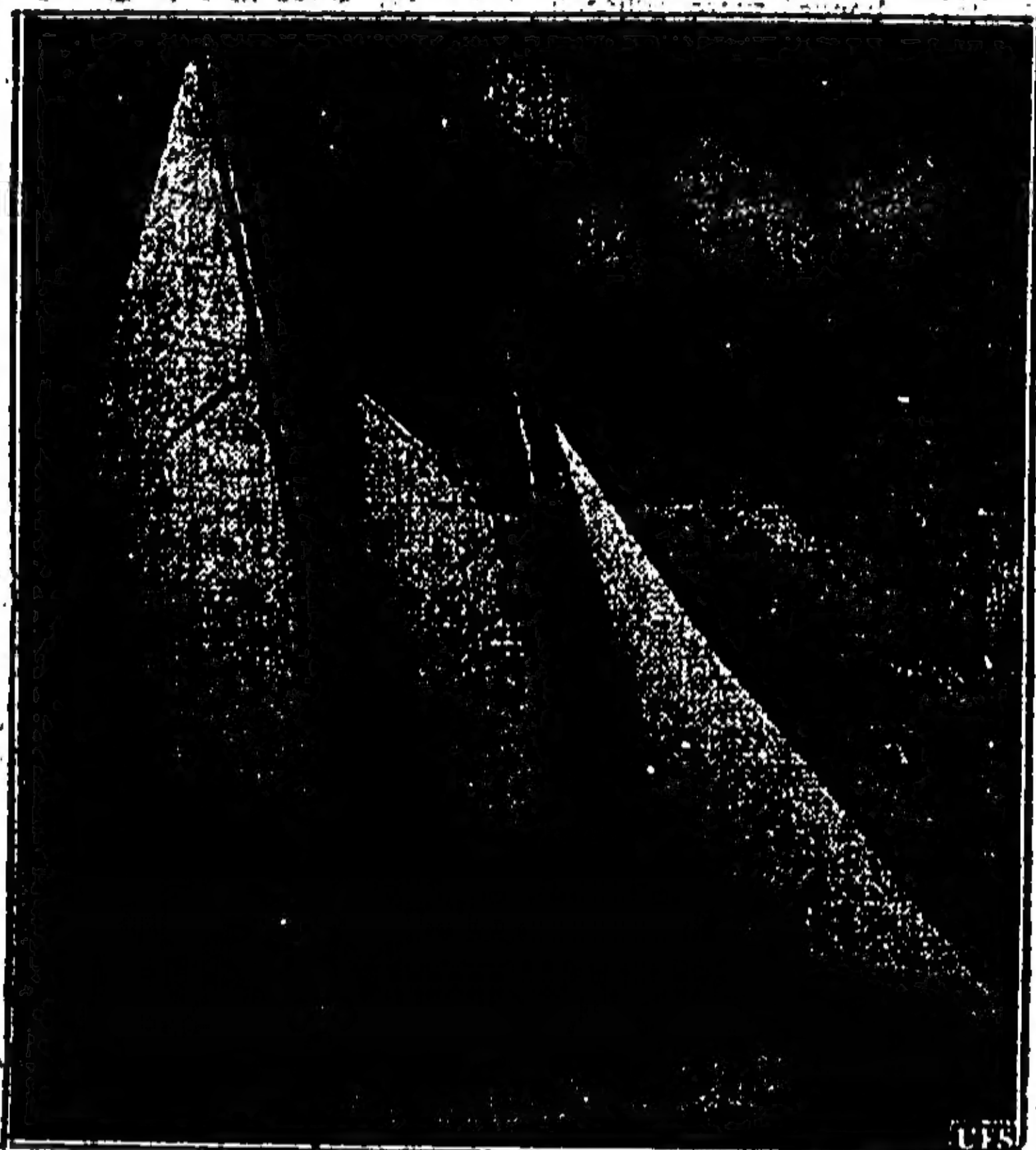
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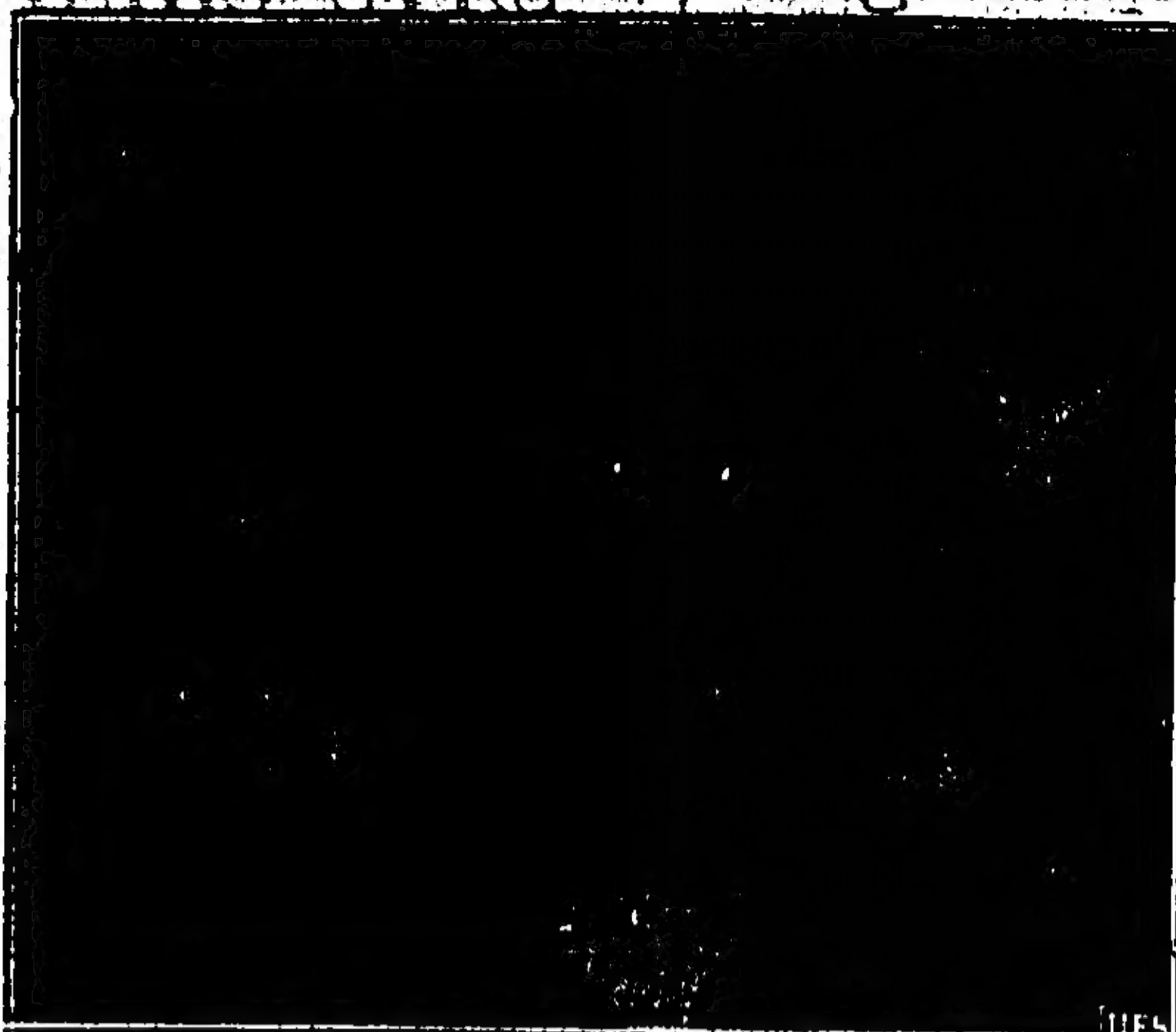
WAR STUDY—Little Italian schoolboys in Rome learn at first hand about tanks, as two army officers bring a tank to their school for a lecture demonstration. Many Italian youngsters 6 years or over, are registered in the military organization, Sons of the Wolf. From 8 to 14 they become members of the Balilla.



DICTATOR—Dr. Walther Funk, whom Chancellor Hitler has named economic dictator of Germany, in the shake-up of Nazi officials. He will assist Field Marshal Hermann Goering in reorganizing German industry.



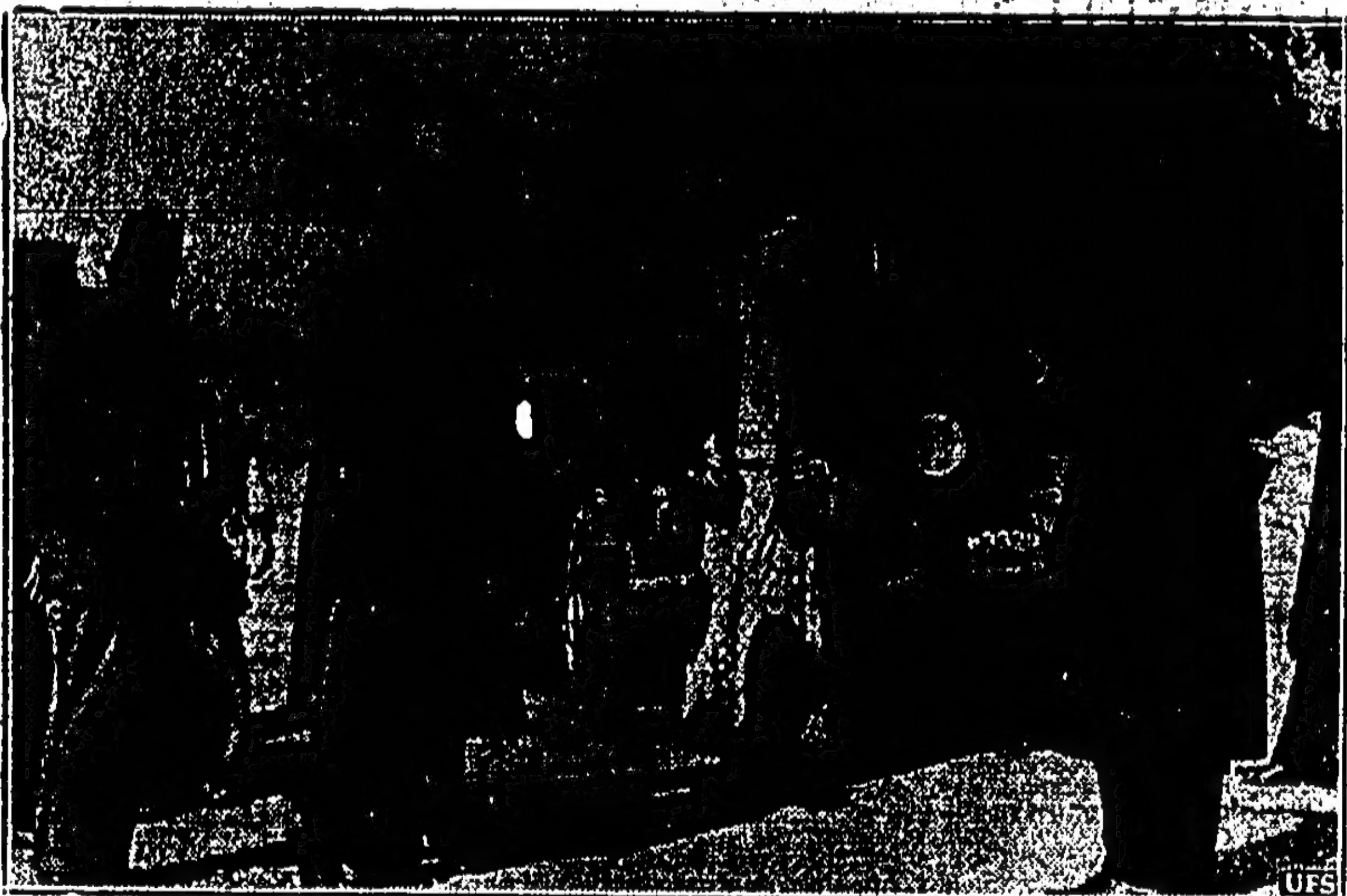
ON 184-MILE RACE—Their sails billowing in a brisk wind, 13 trim yachts left Miami, Fla., in the fifth annual Miami to Nassau race of 184 miles. Above is San Cristobal II, 51-foot schooner, owned by J. Wesley Pope of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., well up among the leaders at the start of the race. The yacht lined up evenly as they set out for the Bahaman capital.



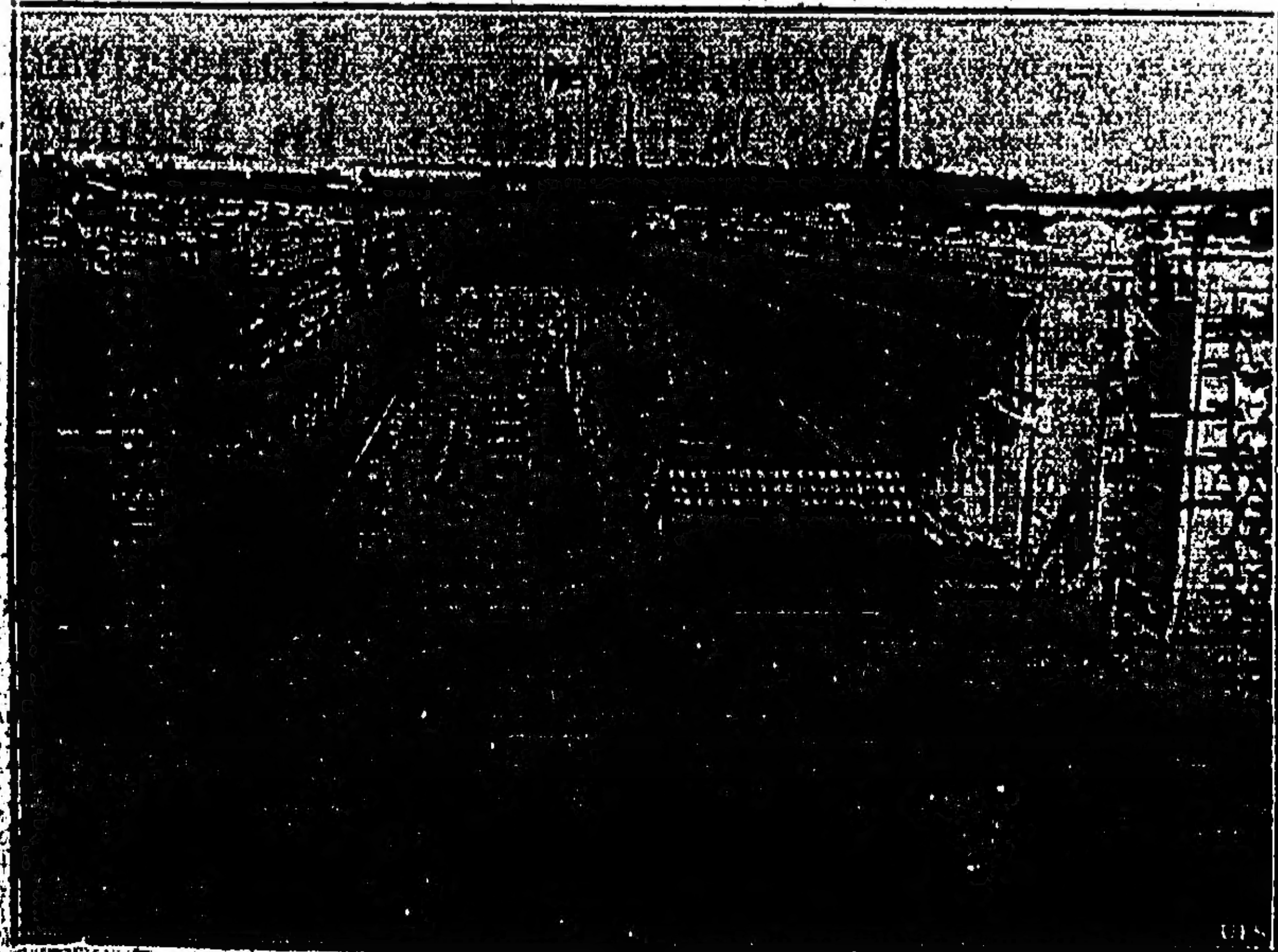
ANGLO-FRENCH HUDDLE—Returning from a meeting of the League of Nations Council in Geneva, British ex-Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, right, told Commons in London that swift retaliation would follow any more Spanish Rebel attacks on British ships. Commons cheered. Above, Mr. Eden is shown chattering with French Foreign Minister Yvon Delbos between sessions in Geneva.



PLANS GERMANY'S FUTURE—Der Fuehrer, above, photographed as he was preparing, at his personal retreat in Berchtesgaden, the speech that informed the Reichstag on Feb. 20, of future plans for Germany.



SEARCH IN THE HOLY LAND—Determined to stamp out terrorism in Palestine between Jews and Arabs, British police search wayfarers for arms. Above, a lorry is halted outside Jerusalem by a British soldier, right, and native police with leveled rifles. This incident took place a few days after three Arabs were hanged, two for murder of a Jew.



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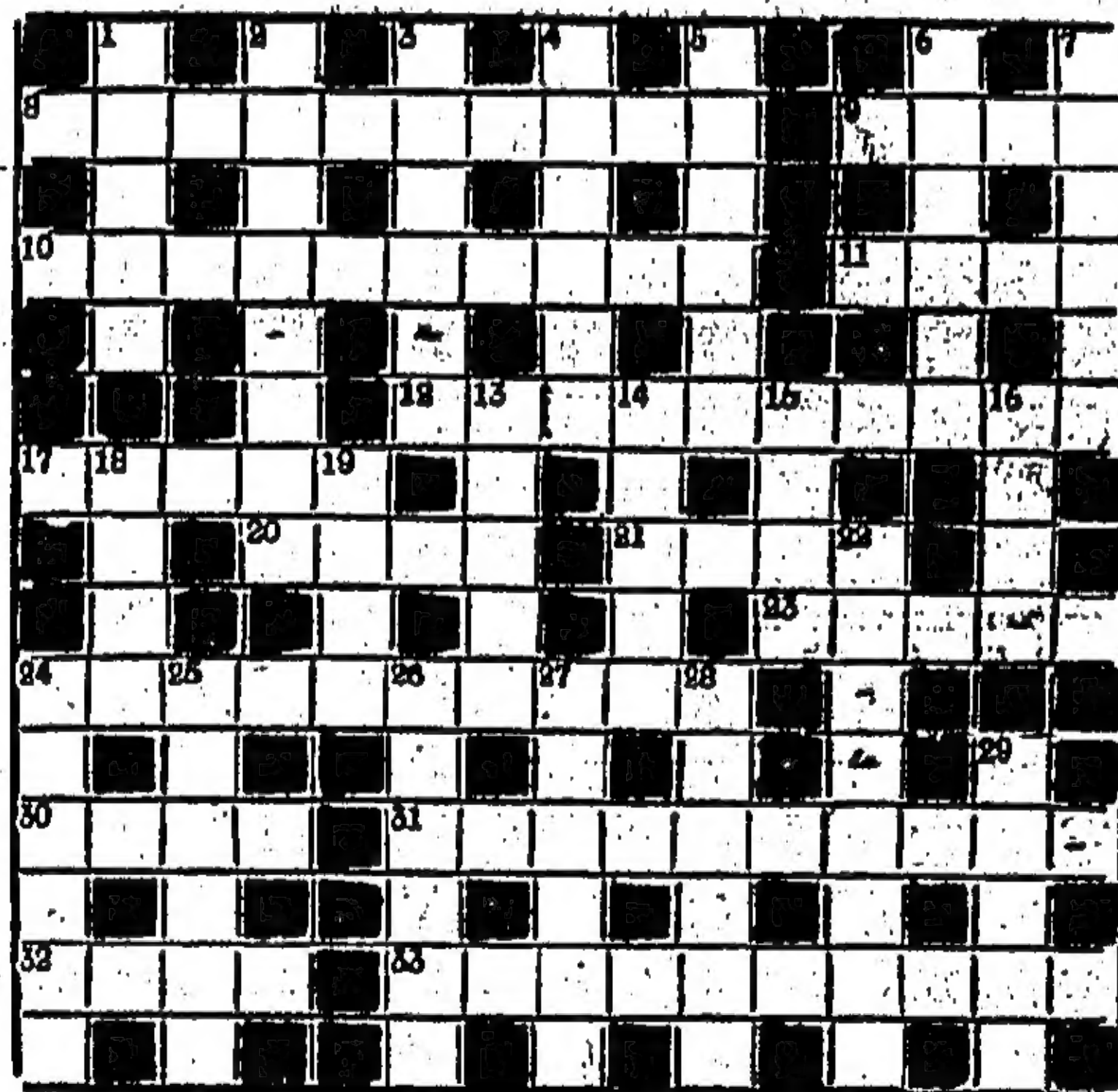
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- 12 Grass would sound simpler (10).
- 17 May be a charming interval of rest (5).
- 20 This fellow wrote poetry (4).
- 21 As worn only by the very best people (4).
- 23 Open part of 22 down (5).
- 24 No epithet for a mild request (10).
- 30 Rough (4).
- 31 One of the ups and downs, like 11 across (10).
- 32 Knights of old showed the inclination to do this (4).
- 33 On this the first six letters are wound (10).

DOWN

- 1 Part of your car (5).
- 2 Cook ought to break it gently (8).
- 3 A good place to stop at (6).
- 4 An asset to the boulder (6).
- 5 Is much the same opening as the first four letters, but has state in it (6).
- 6 Many a man has slipped up on the outside of this (6).
- 7 A colloquial term (6).
- 12 Don't get it otherwise—that is, if you wish to succeed (8).

- 14 There are apparently two ladies in this Surrey town (5).
- 15 One renders this, of course (4).
- 16 The last part of the prearrangement (4).
- 18 If this refuses to draw the artist may be annoyed (4).
- 19 Soil (4).
- 22 An early strain apparently (8).
- 24 He should be suspended, of course (6).
- 25 It's a difficult question (6).
- 26 An article in "Punch" that no soldier would appreciate out at the front (6).
- 27 Curiously, but not the kind that killed the cat (6).
- 28 Appropriate river in China (6).
- 29 This bit of mechanism has a lowering effect on 12 across (5).

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Three Men Gaoled For Espionage

One Known To Work For Communists

London, Mar. 14. When the Official Secrets trial opened at the Old Bailey to-day, of the four men accused under the Act, Glading, Williams and Whomack pleaded guilty, and Munday pleaded not guilty.

No evidence was tendered against Munday, who was formally discharged. Glading was sentenced to six years' penal servitude, Williams to four years and Whomack to three years.

The police stated that Glading had been an agent of the Communist International in India and he was mentioned as an associate in the Meerut conspiracy. He was dismissed from Woolwich Arsenal in 1919, and later he attended a course at the Lenin Communist School in Moscow.

The Judge, referring to a Miss X, said he thought the young woman must have possessed extraordinary courage, and she had done great service to her country.

Addressing Glading, the Judge said he was convinced he was engaged in work to injure his country for the sole, vulgar motive of obtaining money.—*Reuter Special.*

STOP PRESS

WARSHIP AND TRANSPORT OFF PO-ON

Canton, March 15. A Japanese cruiser and a transport arrived off the coast of Po On yesterday.

So far they have remained inactive.—*Central News.*

JAPANESE CAMPAIGN BY NO MEANS VICTORIOUS, SAYS CHINESE GENERAL

Hankow, Mar. 15. A significant statement was made to the foreign press yesterday by the Chinese Army intelligence chief, and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's aide-de-camp, General Hsu Pei-kon. He said: "Japan aims, not to destroy China, but to seize the natural resources in North China in order to strengthen herself for dealings with other powers."

"In order to achieve this she must deliver a crushing blow to the Chinese army. The essence of the strategic success is the correct estimation of the enemy forces. Japan has consistently underestimated Chinese resistance, and because of this she has strategically lost every action in which she has so far been engaged, having failed, finally, to consolidate Hopei with forces on the spot, and, secondly, to secure the defection of Shantung and Shansi from the Central Government."

"Japan is able to send 50 divisions into China, but she has only sent half this number. Why? Because she cannot forget a greater enemy in the north; and secondly, because she is forced to patrol Manchuria with 12 divisions. Therefore, we are convinced that she has already reached the limit of the forces she can afford to use against us. We do not win battles, but Japan has never won a single decisive action. Her strategic plans are not carried out, and the whole conception on which she has based her strategy has proved to be rest on the false premises of under-estimation of our forces. Therefore, we may say that so far she has lost the war, since her objectives have not been reached."

WHY JAPAN HAS FAILED

In addition Japan was held up when, unfortunately for her, the theatre of operations extended to Shanghai. What is more she was unable to secure a junction with the Tientsin-Pukow railway which was her plan after the capture of Nanking. She has been unable to continue this in order to cut the Lunghai railway at Chengchow without undertaking supplementary action to protect her flanks against the Chinese forces in Shansi. Finally she has failed either to wipe out the Chinese forces in Shansi, or to force them to retreat to the south and west across the Yellow River."

General Hsu attributed the failure of the Japanese strategy to the inability to limit the warfare to a narrow front, and the insufficiency of the Japanese forces, due firstly to the under-estimation of Chinese resistance and secondly to the desire to conserve man-power for her "northern neighbour."

PIECEMEAL OPERATIONS

As a result of this Japan was constantly forced to bring up reinforcements for piecemeal operations.

General Hsu estimated that the total number of Japanese troops in China proper was 26 divisions, of which eight were very recent reinforcements. He stated that six divisions were at present operating in Shansi, but these were insufficient either to annihilate or to drive away the Chinese troops.

"We have 300,000 armed men in Shansi continuing to threaten the Japanese flanks. All have orders to retreat across the river."

"Internally Japan has spread propaganda that she has surrounded us and that Shansi has been executed in the 'manoeuvre'. However, when Hindenburg beat Samsonoff at Tannenberg he killed 100,000 men and took 80,000 Russians as prisoners, while the Japanese have not destroyed a Chinese detachment in the present Shansi drive, and their claim is nonsense."

JAPANESE ON DEFENSIVE

The Chinese recapture of Puhlsen and the encircling of a Japanese detachment at Simhsien was cited by General Hsu as proof that the Japanese were now on the defensive and were unable to send two divisions back to the Peiping-Hankow railway as formerly intended, due to the fact that such action would expose the remaining four divisions in Shansi to danger of annihilation.

"The armies on all fronts have now been ordered never to abandon territory for the mountains. If forced, leave all lines of communication, but never leave an area with whose defence you have been entrusted, they were ordered."

General Hsu said that such tactics were bound to exhaust Japan and disrupt her plans. In the event of a Japanese invasion of South China the new strategy would be even more effective than on the present fronts, due to the topography of the country.—*United Press.*

DOOMED TO FAILURE

Hanchow, Mar. 15. With the Shansi forces actively harassing their rear the Japanese attempt to cut communications on the Lunghai Railway by driving down simultaneously from South Shansi and along the Peiping-Hankow Railway is doomed to failure, says a competent military observer.

The Japanese forces in south Shansi, he adds, have been placed in a precarious position with the Taitung-Pukow Railway cut at several points by Chinese guerrillas. Their provisions have now to be transported by aeroplanes, he revealed.

Heavy Chinese reinforcements, he added, have been placed on both banks of the Yellow River in north Henan and south Shansi, and the defence work have been considerably strengthened.—*Central News.*

Stock Market Calm But Lifeless

Continental Bonds Slump Heavily

London, Mar. 14. The Stock Exchange generally was calm to-day in face of the European developments, though many foreign bonds were lower, especially Austrians and Czechoslovakians. Fears of interruption in the debt services of Far Eastern bonds were offset following the Chinese exchange control mandate.

Gift-edged holdings met with Continental selling. Paris offered Kaffirs and Diamonds. Industrials were dull and idle, but Internationals were firm.

Wheat eased in sympathy with overseas reports, and cotton was firmer, New York not following the Liverpool setback on Saturday.

In foreign exchanges, the French franc fell from 156 to 164 following the Austrian developments, together with disappointment over the constitution of the new French Government.—*Reuter Special.*

BONDS CRASH

London, Mar. 14. Austrian, Czechoslovakian and Polish bonds crashed on the world's markets to-day.

Even British funds were affected. British War Loans dropped nearly a point.

Even France's assurance that she would honour all her commitments to Czechoslovakia did not prevent the bonds of that nation from tumbling.

New York reports that trading has ceased on the 1937 Austrian bonds and that there is a wide divergence between the buying and selling price.

—*United Press.*

MUI TSAI TO RETURN TO PARENTS

Wong Po-kau, 41, a widow, was fined \$100 when she appeared before the R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with keeping on unregistered mui tsai named Li Ngan-hoi.

Prosecuting, Inspector H. W. Fraser of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, said that on March 13 the girl called at the No. 8 Police Station and reported that she was an unregistered mui tsai and complained of having been assaulted by defendant.

The girl, said Mr. Fraser, had been sold by her parents in Canton for \$120 in 1936; she was brought to Hongkong and later taken to Annam, returning to Hongkong in July of last year. She was paid no wages, but was given some lucky money at Chinese New Year.

The girl had been struck on the leg with a piece of firewood for having used a tea cloth for cleaning a cupboard, a small bruise being visible.

At present the girl was being kept at the Po Leung Kuk, and arrangements were being made to return her to her parents in Canton.

LOTTERY HOUSE DISCOVERED

POOR BOX BENEFITS

The poor box of the Kowloon Magistracy was to-day enriched by \$191.68 as the result of the arrest of four men yesterday for keeping a common gaming house.

The men, Lo Ki, 20, Chan Hung, 27, Wu Fan, 21 and Chan Hok-han, 25, all described as clerks, were charged with the offence before Mr. K. M. A. Barnett at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day.

Det-Sergeant R. North prosecuted and said that when he raided the house he found the four defendants engaged in the writing out of lottery receipts for sale to outsiders. Besides \$191.68 which was picked up on a table, a further sum of well over \$250 was found amongst the personal effects of two of the defendants. The first defendant had employed the other three men to work for him. He was asking for a serious view of the case to be taken as it appeared that the work was one of a big organisation.

The first defendant was fined \$80, and the other three men \$50 each. They were on bail of \$100 each.

CONSPIRACY CHARGE

A charge of conspiracy, with others not in custody, to steal 40 rattan baskets worth \$270 from Lam Cheung, a shop-keeper, was preferred against Chan Tat, alias Chan Bo, alias Ho Chuk, 40, before Mr. H. R. Butters at the Central Magistracy this morning. A remand was granted.

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